NATO's Turn

As UN Flags

Come Down

Alliance Takes Charge

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina

After repeated humiliation and the death of

acekeeping mission to Bosnia ended

107 of its soldiers, the United Nations

Wednesday, leaving a ravaged country ten-

uously at peace and the virtual certainty

that such an operation will never again be

peace to keep in Bosnia. It ended, after great sacrifice, with Bosnian sovereignty preserved on paper but little more, and the blue-and-white flag of the United Nations stained with the blood of thousands of

The mission began in confusion almost four years ago and was continuously beset by the basic conundrum that there was no

attempted on such terms.

Of a Tenuous Peace

In a Ravaged Land

In Bosnia

World War III? Stalin Was Willing

Papers Show He Urged Mao to Aid North Koreans Despite the Risks

By Walter Pincus Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — In early October 1950, as U.S. and South Korean forces advanced into Communist North Korea,

If a war is inevitable between the Communist giants and the Western powers, in assured Mao. Stalin said, "then let it be waged now" and not years later when the alliance of sian attitudes at the time, the documents Japan and America would be stronger, according to an Oct. 7, 1950, message.

That message was among the secret documents on the Korean War in the Russian Federation's presidential archives in Moscow that will soon be published in an issue of the Bulletin of the Cold War Oct. 2, supposedly from Chinese archives

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington.

According to the documents, Stalin apparently believed that the Soviet Union and

the Soviet leader, Stalin, urged his Chinese counterpart, Mao, to send five or six Chinese divisions to aid Pyongyang even if it led to World War III, according to many, which is unable to provide any accistance to the United States now) do many, which is unable to provide any assistance to the United States now) do

> In addition to shedding light on Rusare also noteworthy because they challenge some long-held views on China's entry into the Korean War.

The previously accepted account of Mao's decision to aid the North Koreans was based on another document, dated International History Project, based at the and previously published by the Beijing

government. In it, Mao said in a telegram to Stalin, "We have decided to send some of our troops to Korea under the name of Volunteers to fight the United States and its lackey," South Korea.

But the Russian version of the Oct. 2

message to Stalin suggests for the first time that Mao hesitated about entering the war. Instead, the Chinese Communist leader told Stalin that he and his col-China could win a major war with the leagues had "originally planned to move several volunteer divisions to North Korea" but had reconsidered because "such actions could elicit extremely serious consequences" including "open conflict between the U.S. and China, as a consequence of which the Soviet Union can also be dragged into war that would be extremely large.

A week later, the documents show, Mao had changed his mind, and he sent his troops into Korea to battle the Americans and their allies in a critical intervention that preserved North Korea as a Communist state.

After analyzing the two Oct. 2 doc-uments, a Soviet scholar, Alexander Y. Mansourov, said that he believed the Russian version was more reliable.

tioned his nation to be even more vigilant.

may try to capitalize on the unprecedented

upheavals in South Korean politics in the

last two months. The argument goes that

Mr. Kim has suggested that North Korea



A Bosnian soldier, who lost a leg, seeing U.S. troops arrive Wednesday in Tuzla.

Seoul, Jittery, Sees a Menace in North

NEWS ANALYSIS

"We better not underestimate the basic,

By Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

SEOUL — A dangerous winter has arrived in North Korea.

President Kim Young Sam of South Korea and other officials have warned that hunger and economic desperation could tempt North Korea's leaders to consider a military strike against South Korea.

But many here say that although North Korea's food shortage is extremely serions, it is not dire enough for the North Koreans columnist for the Joong Ang Daily News of Start a war.

We deter not untracesumment, with two former South Korean presidents imprisoned on corruption and insurrection columnist for the Joong Ang Daily News who was once an official of South Korea's

See KOREA, Page 10 Korea's food shortage is extremely serious. it is not dire enough for the North Koreans to start a war.

Cutting Traffic: EU Reaches for

Tax-Toll Brake

veiled ambitious proposals Wednesday to

ease debilitating traffic congestion in cities and cut pollution from cars and trucks. The traffic-cutting plan aims to undo grad-lock by imposing unspecified new taxes and solls on cars and trucks in heavily congested

The EU transportation commissioner. Neil Kinnock, said it was only fair that those who create congestion should bear more of costs now shared evenly by all taxpayers.

He said possible steps included new roadtuils in cities, higher taxes on vehicles that cause most pollution and road damage, and

charges to drivers based on total mileage The proposals also call for improving fael-efficiency by encouraging research into more economical vehicles and creating incentives for consumers to buy them.

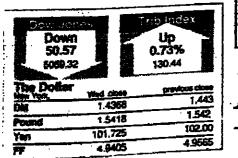
"We must move from gas-guzzling to gas-sipping cars," said the EU environ-mental commissioner, Ritt Bjerregaard. The European Commission will submit both plans — now general ideas rather than concrete proposals — to the 15 EU gov-

eraments in the hope that they will bein draft logislation and then adopt it. The commission estimates that traffic costs 225 billion European currency units

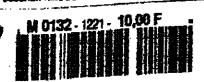
(\$293 billion) a year in road damage, lost work time, pollution clean-up, and treat-ment of respiratory problems. The anti-poliution plan calls for cominstruents by automakers to develop more efficient vehicles, tax breaks for consumers

who buy efficient cars, and more money for research into fuel-efficiency. Such steps are needed to help the Union

reach internationally agreed largets for cutg emissions of gases responsible for global warming, Mrs. Bjerregaard said.
Without new legislation, she said, carbon-dioxide emissions from vehicles will increase by more than 30 percent by



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Russia Will Stay on 'Road of Reform,' Yeltsin Says

By David Hoffman

The only really predictable thing about National Unification Board, "We should North Korea is that it is unpredictable, and be prepared for the unexpected."

even optimistic analysts have urged that it should be given more food aid this winter but that it must be handled with extreme er to the already tense border, has cau-

MOSCOW - President Boeis N. Yeltsin, in his first

The Associated Press

Speaking at the government health resort of Barvikha,
BRUSSELS—The European Union in
where the is reconcerating from a heart ailment, Mr.
Yelisursaid, "We have no reason to worry or assess the We have no reason to worry or assess the

clections as a tragedy."

The president said he could work with a Parliament in which the Communists are the largest single faction. With about 75 percent of the vote counted, the Central Election Commission said Wednesday that the Communists had received 21 percent of the vote.

By most estimates, the Communists and nationalists 450-member lower house, the State Duma.

communism. Mr. Yeltsin was quoted by Interfax as saying. In some countries "there are more Communists" in parliaments, but there they find ways of interaction in the government," Mr. Zyuganov said. "With such a and normal democratic development."

His comments followed by a day similar remarks in which Prime Minister Viktor S. Chemomyrdin said there would not be major shifts in government policy in response to the elections.

Under the 1993 constitution, Mr. Yeltsin is not required to adjust the government after a parliamentary election. However, Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev, who was elected to Parliament, is expected to resign shortly.

will control 40 percent to 45 percent of the seats in the are stepping up the pressure on Mr. Yeltsin. The party's leader, Gennadi Zyuganov, in his second press con-"I'm sure that the majority of Russians don't stand for ference in the last two days, demanded a change in

> "The elections were in effect a vote of no-confidence level of confidence, they will be unable to continue the

The election commission continued to release partial results, three days after the balloting. In second place behind the Communists is Vladimir Zhirinovsky's ultranationalist party with 10.89 percent, Mr. Cher-

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nomyrdin's party Our Home Is Russia with 9.98 percent,



A detachment of Russian soldiers crossing Red Square in Moscow on Wednesday. Election results further confirmed the Communists' victory Sunday.

An End to Green Christmases for Congress

By Guy Gugliotta
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Twas a few days before Christmas, and Santa Claus was stalking the halls of Congress for the last time. A little popcorn here, some chocolobbyists' gift-giving, a holiday fixture on Capitol Hill for generations, appears to be going gently into the night, mourned by

self-denial, both the Senate and House other pricey perks that made Congress much more than just the daily harangue. With the lobbying bill signed into law by

President Bill Clinton on Tuesday, 1995 items are few. The golf tournaments are figured to be the last hurrah for high-priced out, since Congress is still in session with Christmas cheer. But indications are lob- no prospects of leaving for a pre-New byists have decided to pick up the new Year's trip to Florida. And the holiday guidelines early.

the carts would be filled with booze and and put 280,000 federal employees out of lates there and a free meal or two, but gifts and packages of frankincense and myrth," said Tom Korologos, a veteran lobbyist. "We said the hell with it, you win, we give up. It's over."

Beginning Jan. I, senators can only ac-This year, capitalizing on a new spirit of cept gifts worth less than \$50, with exemptions for home-state products and passed gift-ban legislation after many tries. foodstuffs. In the House, members get Beginning Jan. 1, there will be no more golf nothing except items that qualify under 23 trips, banquets, Caribbean conventions or exemptions, including home-state products, baseball caps and T-shirts.

Chocolates abound this year, as do cookies, oranges and other edibles, but the big

spirit is notably absent in the rancorous "Normally, you'd go out in the hall and budget debate that has gripped Congress work only days before Christmas.

"I have to think the shutdowns have a lot to do with it," said George Liapis, owner of Bullfeathers restaurant, a favorite watering hole near the House. "I kind of get a feeling that Christmas parties are a lot less popular than they used to be."

In a normal year, Mr. Liapis caters 15 to 30 parties every holiday season for lobbyists and lawmakers. This year, he's below 10. And as far as gifts go, pickings are

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civilians it had vowed to protect. As the UN flags at the Sarajevo airport came down, an American officer took command of international military operations Wednesday and declared that the NATO forces under him had come not "as a bunch of cowboys looking for a fight" but "on a

peaceful mission. If the mission, planned to last for one year, is successful, the Clinton administration will be able to go into elections next year with its main foreign policy headache argely resolved. But if the peace concluded in Dayton, Ohio, last month unravels and American casualties prove heavy, the domestic price for President Bill

Clinton could prove to be high. In a somber ceremony at the airport, the scene of some of the worst early battles of the war and still a no man's land between rival parts of the city, the commander of United Nations forces in the former Yugoslavia, General Bernard Janvier of France, announced that military authority had been transferred to the so-called imelementation force of the North Atlantic

Freaty Organization. The NATO commander, Admiral Leighton Smith, was not present at the moairport prevented his plane from landing. He arrived four hours later by helicopter, and the ceremony was reconvened to allow for speeches by all sides.

It was a moment of unity and mutual congratulation between the United Nations and NATO after a war long marked by differences between them over what measure of force, if any, should be used to stop the war.

In effect, the messy deployment of UN forces here reflected the confused response of the world to the sudden outbreak of a European war that threatened the vital interests of no major power but continuously flouted Western values, confounded the initial optimism of a Europe no longer divided, and threatened a wider Balkan conflict. The response — feed the victims, contain

the war, and create a few "safe areas" for Muslim civilians to demonstrate that a certain barbarism will not be tolerated by the United Nations - fulfilled some of its aims. But the fall of the "safe area" of Srebrenica last July, with its ensuing Serbian massacre of Muslims, finally demonstrated that the enterprise was flawed beyond repair. We thought deterrence could be based

on the moral authority of the United Nations, but we learned that moral authority is not enough," said Antonio Pedanye, civilian chief of the UN Bosnia mission. When the Serbs realized that there was a 155-millimeter cannon on top of Mount Igman, they understood the language." It took more than three years of war,

however, before the United Nations deployed such guns on the mountains southwest of Sarajevo this summer, and by then the Bosnian state recognized in April 1992 by the United Nations was in shreds, much of it in the hands of separatist Serbs. There was one central problem over

which successive UN military commanders and civilian leaders agonized as the killing of over 200,000 people went on. How could the "neutrality" or "impartiality" many of them believed to be essential to a peacekeeping mission be preserved in the face of

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Queen Urges Charles-Diana Divorce

PAGE TWO California's Economy Speeds Forward

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LONDON (Reuters) - Queen Elizabeth II has written to Prince Charles and his estranged wife, Princess Diana, advising them to divorce, a television report said Wednesday.

The queen was reportedly concerned about the effect of the failed marriage on the two sons of Charles and Diana, Independent Television News said. It said Charles had agreed to formally end a marriage which began with a fairy-tale

wedding in 1981. Diana had an hour-long meeting with Prime Minister John Major at her Kensington Palace home earlier Wednesday. Mr. Major's office declined comment.

Economic Engine Revs Up Again

Bv B. Drummond Ayres Jr. New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - Battered for five years by Mother Nature and the worst recession since the Depression, California is finally beginning to recover its standing as the United States' most powerful economic

Job growth in the state is running better than 2.3 percent annually, in contrast to the national rate of 1.5 percent, thanks to an employment explosion in the entertainment industry, advanced technology manufacturing and international trade - the new Big Three of the California economy.

By early next year, economists say, most of the 525,000 jobs lost in the fiveyear recession will have been replaced although without any real recovery in the construction, aerospace and military industries, the old Big Three whose collapse

led the state into its grinding downturn.
"California is back!" Governor Pete Wilson now boasts, which has prompted his aides to order him a limousine license plate with that happy proclamation.

The great exodus of people fleeing to

other states to escape California's fires. floods, earthquakes, riots and economic collapses, including the Orange County bankruptcy debacle, has slowed sharply as much as 20 percent, according to real estate agents and driving permit bureaus in some of those states.

Conversely, housing agents and driv-ing bureau officials in California say that the migration rate this year to California from other states is running more than 15 percent ahead of last year's.

Demographers report that California still the most populous American state, with almost 33 million people—is again becoming a magnet for the young, adventurous, entrepreneurial types who have flocked here for more than 150

Based on current trends, demographers say, in the coming decade California's population will increase by 1.6 percent a year, while the nation will grow by 0.9 percent a year.

Before its economy collapsed, the total value of California's annual output of goods and services was about \$750 billion, enough to rank it not only as the biggest economy in the United States, but also as the eighth largest among all the economies of the world.

With its gross product now close to \$900 billion, California has regained that economic status and now even ranks seventh among the world's economies.

"It's been an impressive bounce back from a really tough place," said David Hensley, a specialist on the California economy for Salomon Brothers Inc., the New York financial concern.

"The old California energy is back in the air," he said. "There's the old churning and dreaming and business adventurism. There's also the old determined optimism that sees opportunity in the ashes of recession, earthquakes and fire. I'm definitely bullish on California."

Howard Flagg, president of PairGain, Los Angeles area manufacturer of advanced telecommunications equipment. was one of those who saw opportunity in the depths of adversity and helped turn the state's economy around. His company has increased gross sales tenfold in the last three years, to more than \$100 million annually.

"We decided to expand right when things were at the worst in the state," he said. "We never lost faith in California or cutting-edge industries like ours that we're convinced are the state's future. We were positioned right and the time was right and we moved, even while others were still sinking. It's the old California success story.

ut there are some qualifiers. Despite all the favorable economic indicators, the state's unemployment rate in recent months has been hovering stubbornly around 8 percent, at least two percentage points above the national rate. As much as anything, that high figure reflects just how low California's economy fell during the recession and how far it still has

to go to fully recover.

Moreover, the most recent figures from the Labor Department in Washington indicate that the state's unemployment rate could be as much as three points above the national rate, though many employment experts question that estimate, saying the recovery is moving so fast that labor surveys cannot accurately follow it.

COMING UP

In the Alps, where glaciers are monitored more closely than anywhere else in the world. researchers say the ice cover has been shrinking rapidly. The main questions asked are: Precisely how fast is the ice melting? And, is the rate of melting accelerating? The answers will help determine if temperatures are indeed rising because of human activities.

Also, the California housing market. once the most overheated in the nation, remains in the economic doldnums, as does the residential construction industry. Many houses - those few that are selling - are going for 30 percent and 40 percent less than they might have

brought at the turn of the decade. Nor is there any sign that the hard-hit aerospace and defense industries will soon make an economic comeback, given the big national cutbacks in both fields.

And if California has to contend with another natural disaster or if the national economy falters, the state's economy might again find itself in big trouble.

ut in any case, for the moment most businesses here are doing very well, and expectations of success are running high again. "The pluses far outweigh the minuses, and they are especially dramatic because many trace their roots to the depths of the recession, when everything else seemed headed down the tubes," said Stephen Levy, director of the Center for Con-tinuing Study of the California Econ-

orny. From 1990 to 1995, for example, international trade grew so rapidly in Cal-ifornia — 70 percent over all — that the twin ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles overtook the ports of New York City and northern New Jersey as the nation's busiest. The value of goods going across the California docks is nearing \$150 bil-lion a year, compared with about \$140 billion for the New York area docks.

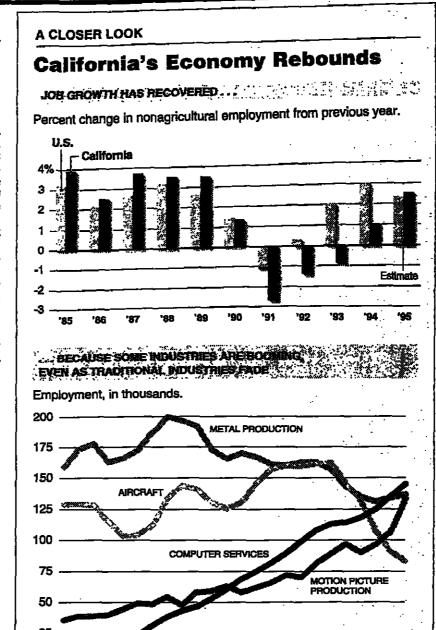
Equally striking - and equally unheralded until recently - while the recession and cutbacks in military spending slashed employment in the state's defense industries to 150,000 workers, from a high of more than 400,000, employment in the film and television industry was almost doubling.

At the start of the recession, Hollywood employed about 85,000 people. Now, according to the California Employment Development Department, the industry employs as many people as hold jobs in what is left of the defense industry.

The ultimate economic metaphor for this switch may have been the construction site recently chosen for the newest high-tech California studio, Dream-Works. It is an old hangar once used to build military aircraft. Along with DreamWorks, nearly
43,000 new businesses have been in-

corporated in California in the last year, a 7 percent increase. For the nation as a whole, the rate was 5 percent.

Many of the new businesses that were



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incorporated were in entertainment, advanced technology and international trade, industries that have now fully replaced the aerospace, military contracting and construction industries as the economic pillars of California. And the new companies tend to pay higher salaries than the older industries, thus raising average earnings in the state.

Sources; State of California; Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy

Twenty-two percent of California households now have annual incomes of more than \$75,000, compared with 17

"This is a recovery like no other, in a state that has had its full share of boom and bust over the years - the gold rush, the oil gush, the house craze, aerospace and defense contracting," said Joel Kotkin, an analyst at Pepperdine University in Malibu.

The fundamental economic mix has changed hugely," he continued, "and it's the kind of change that is positioning the state extremely well for the 21st cen-

Vote Shows Fragility of Major's Rule

By John Darnton New York Times Service

LONDON - A specter is haunting Conservatives — the specter of Europe. Once again the party is showing its divisions over Britain's ties to the European Union, the issue that has vexed Prime Minister John Major for most of his five years in office. Mr. Major narrowly lost a vote in Par-

liament on Tuesday evening on the government's fishing policy, which adheres to quotas set by the European Union. New quotas, to be adopted in Brussels

on Thursday, are likely to reduce Britain's share by allowing 40 Spanish vessels in the rich Irish Sea fishing grounds. The vote, 299 to 297, was humiliating

for the government. Enough Tory dissenters on Europe and representatives of coastal fishing areas joined the opposition to hand it a deteat. During the debate critics accused the government of not defending the rights of Britain's fishermen vigorous enough.

The outcome was largely symbolic since the language of the motion made clear that it was expressing Parliament's opinion and not mandating a change in policy. So the government will not fall or have to submit to a vote of confidence:
But it showed how tennous is Manager's hold over his own party, which is trailing the opposition Labor Party some 30 points in opinion polls.

In Parliament, the Conservative in ity has shrunk to five and that col reduced further by two scheduled of the

Mr. Major's stature among the to servative Party's right-wing "Earo servative raity's fight-wing companies, who oppose allowing more power to slip away to Brussels as provided by the Treaty on European Unity, already been damaged by events Friday at the EU summit meeting in Madrid, where leaders resolved to press ahead with plans for a single currency in January 1999, and to call it the Euro.

The prime minister sought to apply the brakes to the single currency, arguing in Madrid that such a momentous step should not be taken precipitously and that the economies of many member nations were not yet ready.

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But his efforts were brushed aside by the other leaders, especially by Chancellor Helmat Kohl of Germany.

Britain and Denmark have negotiated the right to opt out of the single currency, which Euro-skeptics see as a final capitulation that would lead to political

Library's Slavery Exhibit Is Pulled After Objections 2,000 Strikers

By Marc Fisher

has bowed to criticism and scrapped an exhibit — this time, on the day the show wasn't worth it."

It is pressure was the decisive factor. The curator of the slavery exhibit. exhibit — this time, on the day the show was supposed to open to the public.

Library workers Tuesday dismantled "Back of the Big House: The Cultural Landscape of the Plantation," an exhibit depicting slave life on Southern plantations through the library's collection of photographs and first-person accounts display until the end of January.

A library spokeswoman, Jill D. Brett,

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The Library of Congress is the U.S. national library, a depository of historical documents as well as a research arm of Congress. Its exhibitions of documents usually do not provoke any con-

But earlier this month, library ofby former slaves. It was to have been on ficials indefinitely postponed a planned academics who say his psychoanalytical

said many black staff members and of- theories have been discredited. Library WASHINGTON — For the second the display lacked a historical context. shelved because of a lack of money; material on "the negative aspects of some library of Congress" it just was felt," she said, "that if a some library staff members said outside slavery," Ms. Brett said.

The curator of the slavery exhibition, Professor John Michael Vlach of George Washington University, said he was never informed of any discord over the display, which has traveled this year without incident to five university museums and historic houses.

Ms. Brett said the exhibition was reviewed by three outside experts in the exhibition on Freud after protests by field, two of whom are black, who raised no objections about content.

But after Mr. Vlach's exhibition was Jam Airport ficials "took umbrage" after the exhibit officials said the show. "Sigmund installed, several black staff members was installed Monday and argued that Freud: Conflict and Culture," was complained that the exhibition lacked

> Winston Tabb, the associate librarian who Ms. Brett said made the decision to scrap the exhibit, declined to comment. The librarian of Congress, James H. Billington, called the removal of the exhibit a "complete nonstory," saying the display would have been seen primarily by library staff members, not the public. The exhibition was installed on the sixth floor of the library's Madison Building, where the agency's top officials have their offices.

In Brussels

BRUSSELS — Striking workers of the Belgian national airline, Sabena, clashed with police Wednesday at Brussels airport, adding to the chaos for passengers after the carrier canceled flights for the second day

in a row. ing protesters threw stones, breaking glass doors of the recently opened airport terminal, as well as eggs and firecrackers as the police barred them from

entering the building. Police turned water cannons onto the airport tarmsc, before

rounding them up. There were no reports of in-juries, and by midafternoon the protesters had largely dis-

Sabena had already canceled or diverted all its flights to and from Brussels for the second

straight day.
"Faced with the impossibility of guaranteeing the safety of angers, employees and goods, Sabena management has decided to suspend its operations from Brussels National Airport until Wednesday evening," the airline said in a

While air passengers faced frustration, most of Belgium's rail traffic returned to normal Wednesday morning after suffering near-paralysis on Tuesday due to strikes by workers at the national railroad company,

Transport Still Hobbled in Marseille

TRAVEL UPDATE

PARIS (Reuters) — Transport problems dragged on Wednesday in Marseille as strikers were slow to return to work, but service

Apart from Marseille, the sole major problem area for the state railroad company, SNCF, was high-speed Eurostar service be-tween Paris and Brussels, with just two round-trips planned Wednesday — this time because of a strike by Belgian rather than French rail workers.

In Paris, Métro and suburban train lines were also restored to near-normal levels. About 80 percent of Paris-area buses were running, the RATP regional transport authority said.

Train, bus and tram drivers were returning to work gradually in A crowd of up to 2,000 jeerMarseille, however, and a first high-speed TGV train left the city for Avignon and Paris to the north a little over an hour late.

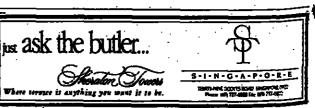
EU Takes Side of Air Accident Victims

BRUSSELS (IHT) - The European Commission proposed Wednesday to require the bloc's airlines to offer much greater compensation to passengers involved in accidents, which would put on demonstrators who had gone European carriers on roughly equal footing with American and Japanese airlines.

The commission said it would propose that carriers take automatic responsibility for accidents and pay damages of up to 100,000 European currency units (\$130,000) for each passenger injured or killed, regardless of whether or not the airline was negligent. The law also would require urgent payments of 50,000 Ecus to survivors within 10 days of an accident.

Venice Pigeons Stir Health Concern

ROME (AFP) — An outbreak of salmonella poisoning among thousands of pigeons in Saint Mark's Square in Venice could spread to humans if the birds are not culled, city officials said. The 5,000 pigeons that circle the square cause enormous damage, but are a great tourist draw. But Mayor Massimo Cacciari said they "presented a serious risk of infection." He has asked the cinary department to disinfect the square and collect the bodies of the approximately 100 pigeons that die each day.



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Clinton Breaks Off Talks on a Budget Compromise

WASHINGTON — Budget talks points for the day.

Mr. Clinton had been scheduled to collapsed Wednesday after President
Bill Clinton scuttled an Oval Office
meet Wednesday with Mr. Dole and
Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the al leaders and accused "the most extreme" House Republicans of reneging on a deal that could have ended the government's partial shutdown.

Mr. Clinton said, "This is a very troubling development."

The president said he had talked twice with Bob Dole of Kansas, the Tuesday to work to end the impasse. leader of the Senate's Republican majority, who he said was "making a good faith" effort to settle the impasse.

In reaction to the worsening prospects for a budget settlement, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped sharply near the close of trading, drag-

demand to keep the government partly ran counter to an arrangement he made with Mr. Dole and Mr. Gingrich on

agreement," Mr. Clinton said. Those members want to force the government to stay closed until I accept their deep and harmful cuts."

He urged the conservative House to the Congress.

ging the index down more than 50 Republicans to "let the speaker honor his commitment."

Republicans were furious at the White House for sending mixed signals on what the Republicans thought House, to discuss ending the shutdown. was an agreement to use Congres-Mr. Clinton rejected a Republican sional Budget Office figures in the

closed until agreement on a balanced In a sharp rebuke of Mr. Gingrich budget is reached. Mr. Clinton said that and House Republicans, Mr. Clinton wondered out loud if "the tail will keep wagging the dog over there."

Mr. Clinton spoke just minutes after

The most extreme members of the defiant House Republicans, sum-House of Representatives rejected that moned to an emergency afternoon toed a bill funding the Department of caucus meeting, shouted their approval of a resolution calling for reopening the government when bal-anced-budget legislation is presented

ing on condition of anonymity, said in the budget talks. Republicans told the White House they would not reopen shuttered gov-ernment agencies until the deal on

balancing the budget is completed. The White House press secretary. Michael McCurry, said 3.3 million vet-In a sharp rebuke of Mr. Gingrich erans and their survivors would receive their Jan. 1 benefits check late unless a stopgap spending bill is passed by

> Republicans said Mr. Clinton has only himself to blame because he ve-Veterans Affairs.

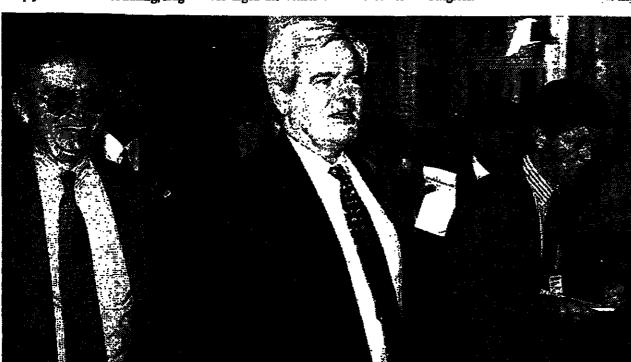
Meanwhile, conservative Democrats said they were growing impatient with the administration and party liberals and will start talking about a deal

A senior House Republican, speak- to override a veto if there isn't progress

"If they aren't a long ways down the road to a deal," said Representative Collin Peterson of Minnesota, speaking for 22 conservative Democrats, "we're going to start working on a different strategy" to make the accord veto-proof. "We've told them that."

First-term House Republicans held a news conference in which they declared they were adamant about bal-ancing the budget using Congressional Budget Office economic estimates that will require deeper spending cuts.

"Prior Congresses would have cooked the books with a wink and a smile and claimed victory," said Representative Jon Fox, Republican of Pennsylvania. "We will not do that."



Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia heading to the House floor Wednesday after talks with White House officials.

POLITICALNOTES

House Overrides Clinton Veto

WASHINGTON - Joined by 89 Democrats, House Republicans for the first time successfully overrode a veto by President Bill Clinton on Wednesday, countering his attempt to block a bill restricting class-action security fraud lawsuits.

With the 319 to 100 vote in the House, 29 above the twothirds needed, the legislation now moves to the Senate. With a two-thirds vote there, the bill aimed at protecting investors from fraudulent and abusive lawsuits would become law.

The veto override came only hours after Mr. Clinton's latenight announcement that he was rejecting the bill because it did not adequately protect those with legitimate legal claims. It was the first time the House has tried to override a veto. Mr. Clinton has vetoed 10 bills this year - four in the past two

Many Democrats who had stuck with Mr. Clinton in his vetoes of spending bills said the president had made a bad

"Much of his objections are of a nitpicking nature," said Representative Jim Moran, Democrat of Virginia. "It's legal-

Tuesday deadline, surprising Republicans who had made the legislation a cornerstone of their campaign to limit lawsuits.

Republican's vice presidential nomination if it were offered. "I have great respect for Senator Dole," General Powell tol or has a job at a public company." said Representative Christoview that for me pher Cox, Republican of California. "It took 12 months to craft in private life." pher Cox, Republican of California. II work 12 mounts to set us this legislation, it took 12 seconds for the president to set us (AP)

Setback for Perot's Party in Ohio

WASHINGTON — In the first organizational setback for step. We're serious about this now.'

Ross Perot's new Reform Party, Ohio officials announced that party organizers had failed to collect enough signatures to secure a spot on the state's March 19 primary ballot.

The ruling is likely to have little effect on the new party's role in the 1996 presidential race. By continuing to collect signatures, the Reform Party can still run presidential and vice-presidential candidates in Ohio in the general election.

Mr. Perot had already announced that the Reform Party would skip next year's presidential primaries, choosing instead to nominate its presidential ticket at a convention in the summer. The Texas businessman, who won 19 percent of the vote in the 1992 presidential election, has said that he does not plan to use the new party as a vehicle for a second Perot candidacy. But

he has also not ruled out running.

The more significant result of the ruling Tuesday is that it will prevent the Reform Party from fielding candidates for all other offices in Ohio, including county commissions, the state leg-

Answer Is Still No, Powell Says

SARASOTA, Florida - General Colin Powell says he is Mr. Clinton issued his veto minutes before a midnight Republican presidential front-runner, that he would accept the

"I have great respect for Senator Doie," General Powell told By vetoing this bill, President Clinton has turned his back on about 800 people at a speech in Florida. "We have never everyone who owns a mutual fund, participates in a pension plan, discussed this issue, but at this point in my life I am still of the view that for me and my family I should make my contribution

Senator Bob Dole, the majority leader, about prospects for resolving the budget dispute with the White House: "It's a big



FOR WANT OF A SHOE — Coroner's employees carrying the body of one of the six victims of a gunman at a New York City shoe store. The police shot and arrested a man who was apparently upset that the store did not have his size.

Away From Politics

A jumbo jet carrying more than 400 passengers skidded off a runway after its pilot aborted takeoff during a heavy snowstorm at Kennedy Airport in New York. No injuries were reported. Tower Air's Flight 41 to Miami experienced some unspecified problems during takeoff that caused the pilot to abort, said an airport spokeswoman. A spokeswoman for Tower said that an icy runway after two days of snow and cold temperatures was the suspected cause of closed after the incident.

 Massachusetts has become the fifth through civil law from Mr. Simpson, who state to bring suit against the largest American tobacco companies in an effort to recoup Medicaid and other health care . Newly powerful Mexican drug lords costs for treating smoking-related illnesses. In a complaint filed in Massachusetts Superior Court, Attorney General Scott Harshbarger accused the tobacco industry of conspiring for decades "to mislead, deceive and confuse" Massachusetts and its citizens about the dangers of smoking. The suit seeks more than \$1 billion in

the accident, but a Federal Aviation Au- O. J. Simpson's financial records can shority spokeswoman said the cause was be scrutinized by the families suing him in funder investigation. It was unknown how a wrongful death lawsuit, a judge in Santa far into takeoff the Boeing 747 jetliner was Monica, California, ruled. The families of when the pilot aborted. The airport was Ronald Goldman and Nicole Brown Simp-(AP) son, slain in 1994, are seeking damages (18 centimeters).

was acquitted of murder charges.

may be ready to seize control of the U.S. cocaine market by shouldering aside the Colombian Cali cartel now that many of its leaders are in custody, warned the head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Thomas Constatine.

 High winds and heavy snows whipped up blizzard-like conditions from the Plains to the northeastern United States. As much as 12 inches (31 centimeters) of snow fell in Ohio overnight; New York and Boston each received 9 inches (23 centimeters), while Newark, New Jersey, had 7 inches

Nixon Papers Offer Tidbits of History Dole Was Seeking Favors

By Tim Weiner New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The National Archives has released a 50,000-page grab bag of longclassified documents from President Richard Nixon's White House— no smoking guns, but fascinating frag-ments, from a slew of favorseeking memos by Senator Bob Dole to an early draft of a plan

for spying on leftists.
The 25-year-old thoughts of several present-day presiden-tial contenders are in the files: admiring notes by Pat Buchanan, then a young Nixon aide; querulous and commendatory letters from Mr. Dole, Republican National Committee chairman from 1971 to 1973; and internal White House messages contemplating setting Mr. Dole to

work digging up dirt on the president's political foes. The papers, declassified by the archives and made public Tuesday in response to researchers' requests, include let-ters from Mr. Dole that poured into the Nixon White House, sometimes daily. They sought scores of patronage jobs for friends and constituents, political favors from executive clemency to 100th buthday telephone calls, and support for Mr. Dole's favorite causes, like the com-based gasoline addi-tives made by a longtime sponsor, the agribusiness giant Archer Daniels Midland.

They also sought responses from the senator's Kansan constituents: questions about car undelivered mail.

Mr. Dole did not always succeed in finding administration Guido Calabresi, forced a post-"Kansans may yet land one appointment," he wrote tartly to a court ruling that found unconstitutial assistant, Bryce stimutional the policy that allows have an inside track on a jan-itor's job at the USDA."

And Mr. Dole was hardly the only favor-seeker at the Nixon White House. Ross Perot sought help with "Wall Street troubles," says a 1973 memo. And 18-year-old John Kasich, Judge Calabresi was dean of now chairman of the House Yale Law School. Budget Committee, scrawled a five-page letter seeking an internship. He was rejected.

glowing words of Mr.

the boss in action.

"The president entered about 8:30 A.M., looking surprisingly rested and even tanned following his trip," Mr. Buchanan noted on March 4. 1969, referring to a Nixon trip to Europe. By contrast, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat, looked "inordinately ruddy, as though he had either been on the slopes for the weekend, or on the town

for the night."
Two other members of the Republican presidential field, Senator Richard G. Lugar, then mayor of Indianapolis and a favorite of Mr. Nixon's, and Lamar Alexander, then a rising star in Tennessee, also show up in the newly declassified files, but only in passing.

The files include a June 4, 1970, memo to Mr. Nixon from an aide, Tom Charles Huston. It is the earliest record of a plan to put American intelligence agencies to work spying on American groups "determined to destroy our society"—those opposed to Mr. Nixon and the

Judge Recuses Self In Case on Rights Of Gay Soldiers

The Associated Press NEW YORK - A judge sexuals from the military withdrew from hearing an appeal on repairs, home-canning tips and the government's "don't ask,

don't tell" policy. The withdrawal by the judge. military only if they keep their sexual orientation secret.

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The disputed policy prevents commanders from investigating homosexual activity unless The files also contain the they receive compelling evidence that it is going on.





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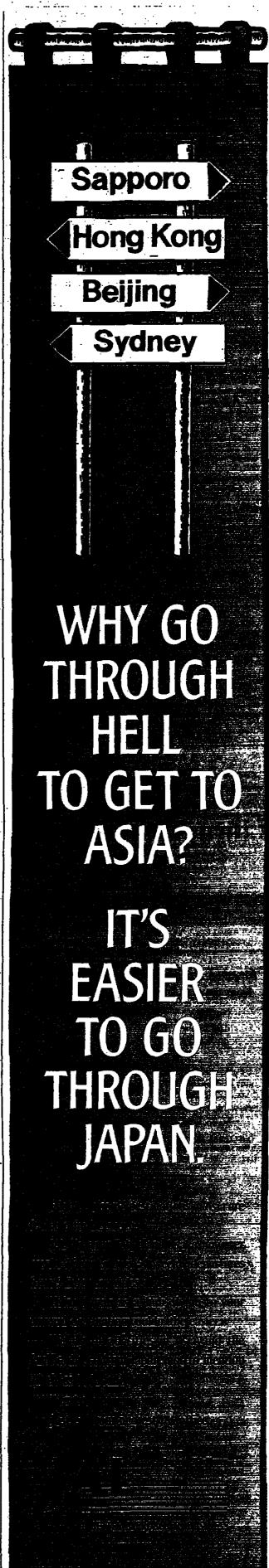
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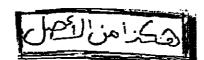
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Chun to Be Tried On Mutiny Charge

Action Tied to '79 Coup

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches pital would be temporary and SEOUL — Former President only for treatment. Chun Doo Hwan, who has been

"We have completed all the itations to exclude time they preparations for his indict-served in office. ment," the prosecutor said.

According to published reports, another former president. his predecessors for the 1979 Roh Tae Woo, also will be indicted in connection with the crushed a pro-democracy revolt coup, but the reports could not be confirmed.

Mr. Roh, who was General killed by official count when

Chun's successor in the pres-Mr. Roh is charged with accepting \$369 million in kickhis 1988-1993 term in office.

Late Wednesday, Mr. Chun was taken to a hospital as his hunger strike at Anyang Prison entered its 18th day, the Yonhap news agency said.

'Chun's condition looked pretty bad," a prison official the city center.

that the hunger strike was to coup. Mr. Chun became head of defend the legitimacy of his state in August 1980.

Mr. Chun has lost nearly 10 band to their office Thursday to kilograms (22 pounds). His vi-determine if money they tried to sion and hearing are weaken-ing, his aides said. Doctors say a person can sur-

vive on water alone for 40 to 50 days, but the period may be shorter for people under heavy stress, such as Mr. Chun. "His condition is getting se-

rious," Mr. Chun's lawyer, Lee Yang Woo, said. He could not sleep because

of a chill and had problems sitting up in the interview room just for a couple of minutes." The lawyer said Mr. Chun's blood pressure had dropped and he was showing signs of de-hydration. Mr. Chun has reject-

ed an appeal to apply for parole, vowing to maintain his protest fast, Mr. Lee said. In a television interview, the senior prosecutor, Choi Hwan, said Mr. Chun would not be released from confinement be-

cause of his condition. He said the move to a hos-

The South Korean Parliaon a hunger strike in jail, will be ment on Tuesday passed a speformally charged Thursday cial law aimed at the former with mutiny stemming from a presidents that makes it pos-1979 military coup, a senior sible to prosecute them by adjusting a 15-year statute of lim-

President Kim Young Sam called for the new law to punish coup and an army massacre that

Chun's successor in the pres-idency, is on trial for bribery in Warfare Command stormed a case unrelated to the mutiny. Kwangju in May 1980 to put down a rebellion against a widening of martial law orbacks from businessmen during dered by Mr. Chun. Unofficial estimates of the casualties were much higher.

Residents of the southeastern city said thousands died in street battles between troops and activists who raided local armories and seized control of

Both Mr. Chun and Mr. Roh Mr. Chun said through aides were generals at the time of the

government, which was in place from 1980 to 1988, vowing to let himself slip toward death.

Meanwhile on Wednesday, prosecutors summoned Mr. Roh's daughter and her hus-Roh's daughter and her husdeposit in a U.S. bank in March 1980 was related to Mr. Roh's

slush funds. Prosecutors have access to U.S. documents from the case, in which the pair pleaded guilty

to illegally depositing \$192,576

in U.S. accounts. (Reuters, AFP)



SHIMMYING PAST 60 — Elderly women dancing the hula Wednesday at a community center in Tokyo during a rehearsal for a Christmas show. About 50 women, aged 65 to 83, are taking part in the production.

BRIEFLY

U.S. Reducing Okinawa Bases

TOKYO - Japan and the United States will soon announce an agreement on reducing U.S. military facilities in Okinawa, a government official said Wednesday. The accord comes after a public outcry sparked by the rape there of a 12-year-old schoolgirl, allegedly by U.S. servicemen who are currently on

"The announcement may come tomorrow, but we don't know the details," the official at the defense facilities administration agency said Wednesday.

Tibetans Ask for Release of Lama

NEW DELHI -- Some 200 Tibetan monks urged China here Wednesday to release the six-year-old boy named by the Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, the second most powerful figure in Tibetan Buddhism.

Displaying pictures of the boy, Gendun Choyki Nyima, the monks from the Tashi Lhunpo monastery in southern India denounced the Chinese authorities for enthroning a rival candidate as Panchen Lama.

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They expressed full support for Gendun Choyki Nyima, the Panchen Lama chosen by the supreme Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, and demanded that China immediately free this true reincarnation.

Gendun Choyki Nyima and his parents have been detained by the Chinese authorities since July, according to Tibetan

China enthroned a rival six-year-old boy, Gyaincain Norbu, earlier this month as the 11th Panchen Lama in a move denounced by the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government-inexile based in India '

VOICES From Asia

Geng Zhung, 81, Chinese survivor of a World War II apanese labor camp, seeking compensation for his suffering: Over the 50 years, the painful deaths of my fellows have never left the back of my head, and my heart has sunk because of our

Hamid Othman, a Malaysian government minister, on the government's plan to have Muslim couples tested for AIDS before they marry: "The new ruling will ensure a mentally and physically healthy Muslim stock."

Hong Kong Group Snubbed by Beijing

Party Backed '89 Uprising

Kong's largest political party has Hong Kong representative in been excluded from the comreported Wednesday.

Tsang Hin-chi, a Hong Kong dom will be tolerated.
delegate to the Standing ComMartin Lee, chairma mittee of China's National People's Congress, said in Beijing that a draft list of members of the new panel included at least one member of the British gover-leaders in Beijing."
nor's cabinet and many Hong

Mr. Lee urged the colonial Kong legislators.

But he said none of the 150

The Preparatory Committee for the transition to Chinese rule is expected to be named by the Standing Committee next week. The list of Hong Kong members contained 11 political figures, 34 business people, 33 professionals and academics and 16 religious, social work, grassroots and rural representatives, Mr. Tsang said. The 56 mainland Chinese members were officials familiar with Hong Kong, he said.

a popular party would have no representative, whether the Chinese side appoints only those with agreeable views," said

The Associated Press Yeung Sum, secretary-general of the Democratic Party. "So the whole Preparatory Committee will not be representative and will not be trusted."

The Democratic Party's leaders earned China's enmity when they led demonstrations here in support of the 1989 prodemocracy movement, which Beijing crushed. They won the most votes in the September poils that chose Hong Kong's first fully elected legislature.

Beijing has vowed to disman-the the legislature in 1997 and to replace it with a provisional body until elections can be held under new rules. The Preparatory Committee is also charged with deciding how that provisional body will be chosen.

also came from some people within the pro-Beijing camp. "If the committee works benearly half of the members from

Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong, said Liu Yin-chu, a

mittee that China is appointing to
shape the territory's government

Kong a high degree of autonafter the 1997 handover, it was only after 1997. But there is concern about how much free-

Martin Lee, chairman of the Democratic Party, cautioned Wednesday against leaving the territory's future anti-subversion laws to the "whims of the

government to submit draft anti-subversion laws to legislators candidates was drawn from the within two months. Otherwise, Democratic Party, the biggest Mr. Lee said, his party would in the colony's Legislative consider introducing its own.

Under the constitution China has prepared for post-1997. Hong Kong, the territory must enact laws to prohibit treason. secession, sedition and subversion against the Chinese govemment. Britain has given Beijing proposals on how to enact such laws, but has not made them public. (Reuters, AP)

3 Dissidents Held Citizens must ask why such After Appealing

BEIJING --- The police have detained three dissidents who signed a letter to the legislature calling for the release of the democracy advocate Wei Jingsheng, a human rights group said Wednesday.

The three, Wang Donghai. Chen Longde and Fu Guoyong, were taken into custody on Friday in Linhai, a city in Zhejiang Province, said the group, the New York-based Human Rights in China.

The three had collected signatures from dissidents in four provinces on a letter dated Nov. 27 that called on the National People's Conference to investigate Mr. Wei's case and obtain his release.

The letter argued that Mr. Doubts about the draft list Wei's detention without charge for nearly 20 months and his formal arrest in November were illegal. On Dec. 13, a court in hind closed doors and with Beijing convicted Mr. Wei of sedition and sentenced him to mainland China, this will not be 14 years in prison.

law, is the fifth prime minister since Mr. Kim took power in 1993, and the reshuffle was one of several since then. At the same time he is freeing from Unification Ministry, which is responsible to gloomy electoral sible for relations with North Korea. SEOUL - President Kim Young le was one of several since then. help salvage the gloomy electoral Analysts said that under South Ko-prospects of his New Korea Party. Sam appointed a new cabinet Wednesday in an attempt to signal a clean break

with military-backed predecessors accused of corruption.

Eleven changes were made in the 21member cabinet, including the key finance and economy post.

Mr. Kim appointed a new prime minister on Tuesday. Lee Soo Sung, a career academic who specializes in criminal

rea's presidential system, in which policy is driven by the head of state and his inet will solve the pending issues of state inner circle of aides, the cabinet changes

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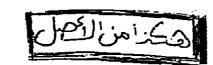
affairs through daring reforms," said his spokesman, Yoon Yeo Joon. The outgoing unification minister. untainted by close association with his Rha Woong Bae, was named minister of

Opposition parties scoffed at the

new policies and vision," a spokesman for the main opposition National Conreshuffle only shows the government of Kim Young Sam is suffering a lack of

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By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - Once again frustrating the wishes of several European Union allies to turn the promise of the free movement of people into reality, France announced Wednesday that it would maintain border controls indefinitely in an effort to deter drug trafficking.

European affairs, told a meeting of the socalled Schengen group of seven Continental EU countries that France needed deterrent to drug trafficking and other crime. several more months to determine whether But they acknowledged that the issue is

alternative crime-control measures, such politically sensitive for Paris because of a reported little progress in border talks with enough to enable criminals to get away. as mobile patrols near border areas, could adequately replace fixed police controls at frontier crossing points.
"When we talk about a Europe of free-

dom, we also have to talk of a Europe of safety," Mr. Barnier said. France's partners reacted with resigna-

tion rather than indignation. Michel Barnier, the French minister for uropean affairs, told a meeting of the result ished controls on their common borders, believing controls at fixed points offer little

against drug trafficking.

that there's no will to block Schengen,' Mr. Barnier said at the meeting in Ostend,

Many European officials also believe that opposition by the rightist National Front to any easing of border controls has compromise on the issue.

Belgian officials, who have chaired the

series of terrorist attacks over the summer France. Paris has called for joint command and President Jacques Chirac's strong stance of border police with its neighboring countries but still wants the police based at fixed 'They understood that we were sincere, points on the frontier, officials said.

In Brussels, officials said they want the same type of cross-border patrolling that he asserts is fostered by a lenient drugs Belgium conducts with the Netherlands, Germany and Luxembourg.

France allows Belgian police to come onto its territory in hot pursuit of criminals inhibited Mr. Chirac's ability to reach a but prohibits them from making an arrest drug tourism by expelling foreigners who claimed progress in negotiations aimed at Schengen group for the last six months, takes to team up with French police is usually Prime Minister Wim Kok of the Nether- gen group.

in January when the Netherlands takes over the leadership of the Schengen group. Mr. Chirac's main concern has been drug traffic coming out of the Netherlands, which policy. The Dutch government tightened its policy in September, limiting the quan-

nough to enable criminals to get away. lands agreed with Mr. Chirac and Chan-Prospects for a solution could improve cellor Helmut Kohl of Germany to hold a special meeting on drug trafficking early in

1996 to launch a concerted crackdown. Despite the border stalemate, ministers reported progress on other issues. Officials reported that the Schengen Information System, a computerized crime data bank plagued for months by technical problems tity of marijuana and hashish that can be and procedural disagreements, ran without sold in coffee shops and cracking down on a hitch for the past month. And officials unless accompanied by French police. Bel- come to buy hard drugs. And at a summit bringing Denmark. Sweden, Finland and gian officials contend that the brief time it meeting of EU leaders in Madrid last week, non-EU member Norway into the Schen-

Chirac Hopes Labor Meeting Can Heal Bitter Strike's Scars

PARIS - President Jacques PARIS — President Jacques Chirac of France on Wednesday urged Prime Minister Alain Lunné to use a high right value. Saying that the government leaders seeking to put Mr. Juppé's welfare reforms on the had been said by all sides duragenda, Thursday's talks at the Juppé to use a high-risk "labor ing the strikes.

Summit" with unions and emMr. Lamassoure's remarks ployers to restore hope and conter 24-day public-sector strike.

battered by the long transport labor upheaval. strike, the government's spokesman, Alain Lamassoure, said Mr. Chirac had encouraged the cabinet to "make new efforts to explain and to bring back confidence and restore hope."

Court in Germany Strikes

A Blow Against Paparazzi

KARLSRUHE, Germany — The nation's highest civil court on Wednesday banned the publication of celebrity photographs

if the stars clearly think they are free from prying lenses. In a case brought by Princess Caroline of Monaco in 1993,

the Federal Court of Justice ruled that the Burda publishing house could no longer publish photographs of her and the

French actor Vincent Lindon that were taken in a quiet garden

The court described the decision as a milestone in the

Even celebrities deserved some privacy outside their own

homes, it said, and photographers would need their per-

mission to publish a shot taken in a public but closed-off

At the same time, the court said, the princess had to accept being photographed in such open public spaces as shops or when she goes boating or horse-riding.

and the second s

restaurant in Saint Rémy in the south of France.

space where stars feel they are not being watched.

protection of privacy under German law.

sounded to some like veiled fidence to the nation after a bit- criticism of Mr. Juppé at a time the danger, telling the cabinet when the president's conserva-As Mr. Juppé worked on tive supporters are urging him measures to revive an economy to intervene personally in the

But Chirac aides stressed that no criticism was intended and that the president stood by his prime minister.

With employers refusing to discuss pay increases or shorter

He also quoted Mr. Chirac as working hours and trade union prime minister's office could end in a blow-up.

Mr. Chirac acknowledged

that the meeting was "a necessary, if difficult exercise." In a television interview over the weekend, Mr. Juppé said the

talks would focus on youth unemployment, working hours and growth measures. But he refused to discuss social secu-In a sign of the government's

determination to press ahead with its controversial reforms, the cabinet approved a bill to amend the constitution and give Parliament, instead of trade unions and employers, ultimate control over welfare spending. The amendment lets Parlia-

ment "set, at the government's suggestion, general guidelines and aims for social protection policy, financial resources through taxation and the rate of growth of all spending.

Mr. Lamassoure said the measure aimed to balance the social security accounts that finance health care, pensions and family allowances, which are running an annual deficit of 60 billion francs (\$12 billion).

But Mr. Juppé tried to calm the unions, which draw power and funds from managing the welfare system, saying that they would keep a full role and that he did not aim to "nationalize social security.

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STEPPING OUT - Rome on Wednesday reopened its white marble Spanish Steps, which have been closed for seven months for renovation.

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Greece Is Lukewarm To 'Push' on Cyprus

ATHENS - Greece reacted cautiously Wednesday to an American assistant secretary of state's vow that he would make a "big push" in 1996 to end the 21-year division of Cyprus. Greece's welcome "will depend on the nature" of the U.S. intervention,

the government's spokesman. Telemachos Hytiris, said. He said that "nothing concrete" had been offered so far and that it was "not the first time" that Washington and Richard C. Holbrooke, the assistant secretary for European and Canadian

affairs, had said they wanted to move talks forward on solving the division of Mr. Holbrooke, who helped to broker the Bosnian peace agreement, is to travel to Cyprus next month. On Tuesday, he told The Washington Post:

"We intend to make 1996 the year of the big push on Cyprus." Cyprus has been divided into Greek and Turkish zones since Ankara occupied the northern third of the island in 1974 after a Greece-backed coup in

British Researchers Discount Beef Scare

LONDON - Reacting to a scare over "mad cow" disease, British scientists have said there is no health risk involved in eating beef.

Their research, published on Wednesday in the magazine Nature, showed humans were extremely unlikely to contract the degenerative brain disease CJD, or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, through eating beef from cows infected with the disease.

Beef sales in Britain have plummeted by 25 percent in recent weeks amid a wave of concern that people could be infected from beef. Hundreds of schools have taken the meat off their menus after pressure from concerned parents. But researchers at London's Impe-

rial College School of Medicine, experimenting with mice, found no con-The research will be welcomed by

the British government, which has been fighting growing public anxiety over the disease's possible spread into the human food chain.

Assassins in Belfast

Gun Down Catholic

BELFAST — Assassins struck for the second straight night in Belfast on Tuesday, killing a Roman Catholic man as he walked from his car to his

A caller to Belfast media claimed that an unknown group, "Direct Action Against Drugs," murdered Chris Johnston, 38.

The same group claimed responsi-bility for Monday's killing of Francis Collins. The police said they believed the Irish Republican Army was responsible for both murders.



EU events scheduled for Thursday:

BRUSSELS: Final day of a conference of donor countries for the reconstruction of Bosnia.

BRUSSELS: Fisheries ministers meet to fix catch quotas for 1996. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

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CREATING TOGETHER

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

ROME - It is said that Italy's curse is to be the home of Roman Catholic Church and the Mafia, of which the feeblest is the Italian state.

It might also be said that Giulio Andreotti, seven times prime minister and a devout crimes, is the symbol of the relationships that bind all

Now 76, accused in one case of acting as political godfather to the Sicilian Mafia and in another of conspiring to murder a journalist, Mr. Andreotti has been reduced to a shadowy figure flitting across Italian television screens like a soul

trapped in purgatory. But there is one place where he is still welcome, and that is the Vatican. There he is still remembered for his loval service to the church during his many years as Italy's leading Christian Democrat, an important ally against communism.

And there at a recent public ceremony, he was ushered to the stage by an Italian cardinal, calling for a round of applause. and was given a warm hand-shake by Pope John Paul II.

Given the gravity of the charges against him, it was a gesture that struck many Italians as ill timed, to say the least. Yes, all men are presumed inpapal handshake carries special significance, in some ways like

"I think it is very serious that three world powers: Italy, the another state invites a man accused of two serious crimes to participate in an official setsaid Paolo Giacomelli, head of a consulting company. "It would have been better if the Vatican had waited for the Catholic now on trial for Mafia decision of an Italian tri-

bunal.' In this case, the handshake carried an extra symbolic burden. For most Italians, the case against Mr. Andreotti, now before a court in Palermo, Sicily. boils down to another greeting: the now-famous kiss that Mr. Andreotti is said to have exchanged with the notoriously brutal Salvatore Riina, the Cosa Nostra's boss of bosses, now

nocent until proven guilty, but a But the Pope being the Pope, political oblivion for condon-papal handshake carries special no one dared challenge him uning corruption and collusion with the Mafia. til a 25-year-old student last Writing in La Repubblica, week walked to a microphone

during a papal prayer service in St. Peter's Basilica and in an incident that hit front pages across Italy, boldly questioned the decision to invite Mr. Andreotti to the Vatican. The student, Maurizio Anas-

tasi, a member of a Catholic university organization, quoted from the diary of Aldo Moro, the former prime minister killed and organized crime is now a by leftist terrorists in 1978, who crucial point: either legal Italy described Mr. Andreotti as "indifferent bloodless, absent, closed in his shadowy scheme

of glory."
The student's remarks have prompted a debate about the church's responsibility for a man and his party, which, for all their deeply rooted Catholiserving multiple life sentences. cism, have been condemned to

Italian Sleuth Is Accused

BRESCIA, Italy - Magistrates have asked that Antonio Di Pietro, Italy's onetime star anti-graft investigator, be committed for trial on corruption charges, judicial sources said Wednesday. They said that magistrates here had recommended that Mr. Di Pietro, a hero for exposing corruption among Italy's old political guard, be tried on charges of extorting bribes and for abuse of office. A senior judge must decide whether to send the case to trial.

Mr. Di Pietro, who resigned from Milan's "clean hands" pool of anti-corruption magistrates a year ago, denies any wrongdoing. Investigations have proceeded for months into allegations that he extracted favors for friends and other purported abuses. Mr. Di Pietro has flirted with entering politics but the latest action appeared to put a brake on such ambitions.

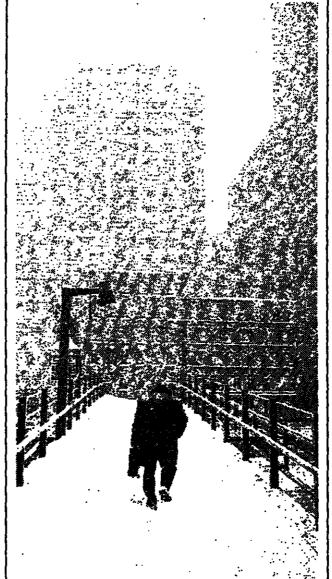
Giorgio Bocca, a well-known columnist, said church leaders 'certainly have many reasons to recall with nostalgia the super-Catholic Minister Giulio Andreotti who never begrudged the church help or favors from the state, but perhaps they should keep in mind that the challenge between legal Italy wins, or it becomes a Mediterranean Colombia.

Even some churchmen voiced regrets over Mr. Andreonti's reception at the Vat-

"This risked giving the impression that the church has already absolved Andreotti, said the Reverend Paolo Turuturro, a well-known anti-Mafia priest in Palermo.

Mr. Andreotti, ever aloof, always armed with a dry wit, dismissed the student's outburst as "the intemperance of youth."

Perhaps this serenity comes from the "ancient Catholic wisdom of the Roman people," as he once described it in an interview. That wisdom, passed to him by an aunt, taught him a few basic axioms: "Never dramatize too much; with time everything rights itself; in life maintain a certain distance from all this; there are few truly important things.'



LONG HAUL - A man trudging to work in Boston on Wednesday after 9 inches of snow fell on the city.

The Talk of India: Rao's Racy Novel

Leader's Book Heavy on Sex

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI - Since P. V. Narasimha Rao became India's prime minister nearly five years ago, he has been called many things.

Some have described him as visionary, for using a debt crisis magazine, Outlook, that set the in 1991 as the occasion to begin dismantling 45 years of socialism. Others, noting his habitually dour demeanor, have suggested that he has raised duliness to an art.

But nobody, until recently. questioned Mr. Rao's character in quite the manner of a columnist in The Times of India, which for much of its 150-year existence has been regarded as an arbiter of official proprieties. The columnist, Soli Sorabjee, a former attorney general and a distinguished legal scholar, did not mince words.

"Is the prime minister a sex maniac?" he said.

In the land of the Kama Sutra, of 1,000-year-old Hindu temples that made eroticism an art, and of raunchy Hindi-lan- southern state of Andhra guage movies that mix thin plot Pradesh, like Mr. Rao, Niranjan lines with swinging hips, it is is described in his first intimate safe to say that Indians value sex as much anyone.

But Mr. Rao, 74, a widower, a survivor of a triple-bypass heart operation, and so skilled in deferring tough decisions that admirers describe his political style as "masterly inactivity," has hardly seemed like anybody's Lothario.

draft of an uncompleted novel to each other." reach two Indian weekly mag-azines. Without protest from Mr. Rao, the magazines published sections of the novel, tentatively nitled "The Other Half," along with some of the sexual episodes that punctuate the plot.

In the resulting free-for-all among literati, politicians and self-appointed guardians of India's moral ethos, a country that usually takes its politicians with numbing earnestness has had an to stick to his other job," he unusual amount of fun.

One magazine, Frontline, concentrated on the politics in the novel. The manuscript and its protagonist, Niranjan, a thinly disguised alter ego for Mr. Rao, depict much of Indian politics as shameless hypocrisy.

But it was the sex in the excerpts published by the other country abuzz, particularly passages that depict widespread licentiousness among politicians. The narrative says of the gen-

eration who took part in India's struggle for independence that they preached self-denial, like Mohandas K. Gandhi, the independence leader, but practiced self-indulgence.

Many had - or thought they had - hoodwinked Gandhi by wearing short loin-cloths." the novel says, while in reality having sex with "any woman who came their way.

But it is in the character of Niranjan that many Indians believe that Mr. Rao has come closest to describing himself. A Congress Party politician who has made his early career in the encounter with a woman named

"He lay with his head on her 🗞 lap while she combed through his smooth hair with her fingers and kissed him on the forehead," the novel says. "Then they exchanged places and she rested her head on his chest."

anybody's Lothario.

Nevertheless, in recent on, "Their bodies, like weeks, after 20 years of writing in secret, Mr. Rao allowed a time, introduced themselves to With a general election loom-

ing in the spring and the Con-gress Party slumping in the polls, Mr. Rao's associates hope that the novel, by showing a more open side of the Indian leader, will give the party a bounce.

But Khushwant Singh, a popular writer, said Mr. Rao made a mistake by exposing his literary skills to public mockery. "My advice to him would be

Austrian Rightist Is Attacked for Praising Hitler's Waffen SS

VIENNA — The far-right leader competence.

Pero Haider came under fierce attack "It should be clear to every single Joerg Haider came under fierce attack Wednesday for praising Hitler's Waffen SS and saying its officers deserved

honor and respect The leader of the Austrian Freedom Party said in a television interview APA: "The Waffen SS was a murder broadcast late Tuesday that he did not brigade. know the postwar Nuremberg war crimes tribunal had branded the Waffen SS a criminal organization, adding:
"It doesn't interest me in the least."

historical ignorance and political in-

to participate in government," he said. Wiesenthal told the news agency

He said he believed that Mr. Haider was attempting to mislead his sup-porters with his subsequent com-

tria's third largest political party.

The interview followed a screening person now that Haider is not qualified of an amateur video on Austrian state television that showed Mr. Haider was not part of the Wehrmacht, but The veteran Nazi-hunter Simon praising a gathering in September that had been "significantly involved in iesenthal told the news agency included former Waffen SS officers. mass exterminations, gassing Jews,

The video showed Mr. Haider call- and ethnic cleansing." ing the crowd "decent people of good 'sticking to their convictions despite across the board.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky critiLin a general election Sunday, the Wehrmacht and hence it deserves all not to. While I reject National Socized Mr. Haider, accusing him of Freedom Party won 22 percent of the honor and respect of the army in cialism, I certainly do not approve of

vote, about a million voters. It is Aus- public life," Mr. Haider said in a television interview.

A historian, Gustav Spann, said in a radio interview that the Waffen SS it is disparaged."

Mr. Haider's comments sparked character" and applauding them for outrage among Austrian politicians

the greatest opposition."

But Mr. Haider said: "I participated in this event and I don't see any reason in this event and I don't see any reason."

■ Vranitzky Gets the Nod President Thomas Klestil on

Wednesday asked Mr. Vranitzky to form a new government after his party's victory in elections three days ago, Reuters reported from Vienna. His coalition with the People's Par-

the wholesale disparagement of the

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ty resigned Tuesday but agreed to stay on as caretaker until a new government takes over.

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How Will Oman Navigate a Future With No Oil?

By John Lancaster Vashington Post Service

MUSCAT, Oman — A couple of years ago, the story goes, the sultan of Oman was cruising down the highway here when something offended the royal eye. It was a new McDonald's, complete with soaring golden arches. Big Macs were one thing, but the arches had to go. They were too big.

Out went the royal decree, and down came the arches. Such are the joys of absolute power.

Oman is one of those places that is invariably described as "oil rich." The when the Sandhurst-educated monarch, inside Muscat. I remember all that." problem is that Oman will not be oil-rich much longer.

certainty over one of America's steadiest allies in the Middle East.

The warning signs are already accumulating: surging birthrates; budget locked each night at sunset. Even bi-troubles linked to flat or falling oil cycles were banned.

They have since been released, but the symptoms have echoes in other Gulf monarchies, including Saudi Arabia and

Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos ibn Said, the 16th-century Portuguese fort of Mican navigate his country through times of want as shrewdly as he did through "We consider him Superman be-

times of plenty.

cause before, there was nothing," said For all the challenges confronting an Omani journalist, downing Heineken Oman, Sultan Qaboos remains im- and tortilla chips at a Mexican restaurant mensely popular in this starkly beautiful where a Polish rock band provided the country of 2 million people. Many here entertainment. "I am just 36, and when I remember what Oman was like in 1970, was 10 years old, we were using candles

I am just 36, and when I was 10 years old, we were using candles inside Muscat. I remember all that.'

now 55, overthrew his father with the Sultan Qaboos matched his devel-

help of British advisers. Unlike, say, Saudi Arabia or Kuwait, Sultan Qaboos's father had done his best to keep the outside world at bay. At women were not permitted to go to best to keep the outside world at bay. At centuries. Oman's known oil reserves the time of his ouster, Oman was an school. Today, they serve in the police will run dry in as few as 17 years. That, isolated backwater with three primary force and hold senior posts in governin turn, casts a cloud of political un- schools and 10 miles of paved roads, ment and business. Omanis who sought education abroad not uncommon. The capital's gates were

prices; succession worries, and, last year, the first stirrings of domestic discord, evident in the jailing of 130 Omanis, including high-ranking officials, actuated of plotting against the government.

They being since here released by the first stirrings of domestic discording for all and 157 hospitals and a western diplomat of long experience in the region.

Although Sultan Qaboos appears of Although Sultan Qaboos appears of Original in public, rarely bors. There are new highways, free accessibility that would be unthinkable almost anywhere else. clinics, compared with two in 1970.

The transformation is most evident in times making late-night tours of the Muscat, the capital, where palm-lined capital in his BMW, alone and unescort-Bahrain, which, like Oman, maintain boulevards are swept each morning by ed by bodyguards. Every year he drives close diplomatic and military ties to the armies of Indian workers. At night, through the country's interior, camping floodlights illuminate artificial water- in the desert and inviting any and all to . The question now is whether falls tumbling from a rocky outcrop near share their grievances with him.

opment efforts with new social policies.

"I have met all seven leaders of the were barred from returning. Slavery was Arabian Peninsula and I would say that one-on-one Sultan Qaboos is the most interesting and the most intellectual," said a Western diplomat of long ex-

He prefers to drive himself, some-

The sagging oil economy, however, has raised questions about Sultan Qaboos's rule.

Despite flat oil prices over the last decade, his government has continued to spend lavishly, providing citizens with free education and health care and maintaining one of the world's highest rates

of military spending.

The country's birthrate, meanwhile, is among the highest in the world. With more than half of Omanis under the age of 15, unemployment looms as a potentially explosive problem.

The World Bank warned in a strongly worded report last year that the govemment had better learn to live within its means --- or else.

It cited, among other things, persistent budget deficits, rising foreign debt and a "pronounced overall decline in saving and investment." It likened the country's oil wealth to "a large inheritance" that was in danger of being squandered.

Adding to such anxieties are questions about who will run the country after Sultan Qaboos. Because he is so closely identified with Oman's progress over the last 25 years, public confidence in its future rides largely on his shoul-

That confidence was badly shaken in September when Sultan Qaboos narrowly escaped death in an auto accident

that killed his top financial adviser.

The accident reminded Omanis that their unmarried sultan has produced no heir and that the country has no formal mechanism for the transference of pow-



Wednesday from a congress center in eastern Berlin. It goes to the Historical Museum.

ENOUGH SOCIALIST REALISM — Workers removing a piece of Socialist art

*Swedes Confirm **Invasions by Minks**

STOCKHOLM — Sweden 1980s. produced evidence on Wednesday that foreign submarines vi- after a Soviet submarine ran olated its waters on several oc- aground near a top secret naval casions in the 1980s and early base in southeastern Sweden. 1990s, but admitted that some Moscow blamed a navigational intruders were actually minks. error, but the commission said

ings, a government commission carried nuclear weapons. vindicated claims that foreign submarines had violated no doubt that the foreign powers Swedish territorial waters over violating Swedish waters wantthe past 15 years.

But the commission stopped defense systems. short of pointing the finger at any one nation, saying evidence mined area off the coast of uncovered did not justify any northern Sweden had been tarndefinite statements regarding pered with and damaged. nationality.

The commission was set up after defense chiefs admitted identified as foreign sub-identified as foreign subunderwater objects originally

diving for fish. The panel admitted that navy casions classified minks as un- carried out against the Swedish derwater vessels. But it said defenses," the panel said. these incidents were few com-

Sweden in the past accused the early 1980s. the former Soviet Union of Between 1981 and 1994, sending submarines into its more than 6,000 individual recoastal waters and pursued a ports of suspected or verified much-publicized but unsuc- alien underwater activity had

intruders throughout the

In 1981 it protested formally Supporting a report with the submarine had intentionally slides, films and sound record- entered Swedish waters and had

> The panel also said there was ed to damage Swedish coastal

> In the mid-1980s, it said, a

An investigation showed that electric equipment "at great depth" had been damaged after repeated blows with a hard ob-

and the depth at which the objects were lying demonstrates sonar had on a number of oc- that damage was planned and

The commission used the latpared to the total number of est analytical technology to re-intrusions. est analytical technology to re-view all the data available since

cessful naval hunt for alleged been registered, the panel said.

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THE FACTS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SRI LANKA

In recent weeks the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam (LTTE), which has been conducting a campaign of terror in Sri Lanka for over 12 years, has suffered several major defeats. Domestically its oppressive grip on Jaffiza has been broken and the myth of LTTE invincibility has been shattered. Abroad the LTTE's active involvement in the promotion of international terrorism, narcotics trafficking, trade in illicit arms, the smuggling of illegal immigrants and money laundering is being investigated in several western capitals. In the wake of these defeats, LTTE front organisations have begun to disseminate falsehoods in order to divert attention, arouse sympathy and to raise funds for the depicting war-chests of the LTTE. To deal with some of these false claims and to help clarify the situation, we present the following comments made by respected independent sources and the President of Sri Lanka.

"I think international reaction to the LTTE breakdown of the negociations was explicit and must have given an unmistakable message to the LTTE leadership and to the Tamil community in the north and indeed overseas Tamils who perhaps are a little romantically inclined when it comes to supporting some of the excesses of the LTTE. I think the message should have been very usefully given, that this sort of behaviour must expect to get a very sharp international reaction. They can't expect to have any kind of international support, when they obviously sat on a so potentially viable peace process."

Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans, to the international press in Colombo, 22 May 1995.

"Prabhakaran and his colleagues will have to bear the responsibility for the resulting casualities, especially of the civilians. Though the Sri Lanka Army would do well to show restraint, the government cannot afford to yield to the demands for Eelam. In that respect they are fighting a war not only for the integrity of Sri Lanka but to uphold the principle of territorial integrity of all multi-cultural, multi-ethnic nations." - Editurial in the Kathmandu Post (Nepal), 30 November 1995

INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF THE LITE

"Mr. Prabhakaran has established a rule of terror in the city of Jaffna...many of his own lieutenants have been murdered; Tamils who have criticised him, even idly or in jest have been picked up, tortured, and executed; others have been held in dungeons, half-starved, hauled out periodically for a battering by the guards... He (Prabhakaran) has shown a bloodthirstiness in dealing with opponents that has compared with some of the cruellest figures in Asian history, including Pol Pot of Cambodia."

- New York Times, 28 May 1995 "We condemn the recent brutal massacres of civilians which have taken place, especially those in the North and East of Sri Lanka. These outrages bear all the hallmarks of operations carried out by the LTTE and deserve the condemnation of the entire international community.

THE UN REACTION TO THE SRI LANKA SITUATION

"Let me first say very firmly that the Secretary General has never questioned what the Sri Lanka Government had been, or was doing, on the humanitarian front. The Department of Humanitarian Affairs continued to follow the situation is The United Nations resident coordinator, who headed the local emergency task force, was in contact with the energy designated focal point for relief assistance established by the Government, who headed the local emergency task force, was in contact with the newly designated focal point for relief assistance established by the Government. The United Nations resident coordinator, who headed the local emergency task force, was in contact with the newly designated focal point for relief assistance established by the Government. The United Nations resident coordinator.

- Spokesman of the UN Secretary General, 9 November 1995

THE CONDUCT OF THE SECURITY FORCES IN THE RECENT OPERATIONS

"Our young men have not only braved all the dangers in the defence of their motherland and shed their blood but they have also acted as civilised, well disciplined, religious human beings and not in the fashion of conquering armies looting houses, stealing goods, raping the defenceless and killing innocent civilians.

HUMAN RIGHTS

"The Foreign Minister and I will be talking about, among other things, the great progress they've made in Sri Lanka in the field of human rights, which you can see from our human rights report this year, is one of the

-US Secretary of State Warren Christopher welcoming Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar at the State Department, 2 February 1995

- Rt. Rev Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando, Archbishop of Colombo, in a message on 3 December 1995

Statement by UK Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jeremy Hanley, 6 November 1995

"The Commission condemns abuses of human rights by the LTTE and strongly urges it to desist from such acts... The Commission expresses its support for the peace process initiated by the President of Sri Lanka and strongly urges the LTTE to respond positively and speedily to the steps taken by the Government and to take all necessary steps towards the achievements of a durable political solution." - Chairman, UN Commission on Human Rights (Geneva), 7 March 1995

"Commends the Sri Lankan people and the Government of Sri Lanka for the significant improvements in Sri Lanka in the area of human rights....applands the commitment to democracy demonstrated by the Sri Lankan people, in defiance of brutal acts of wanton terrorism...calls on the LTTE to desist in its resort to arms, and to return to the negotiating table."

- from the Resolution passed by the US House of Representatives on 18 September 1995

CONSCRIPTION OF CHILDREN

"The LTTE recruits boys and girls from the age of 10 upwards. Their dependence on child combatants is increasing rapidly."

- Statement to the press by UNICEF Representatives in Sri Lanka, Ms Brita Ostberg, 11 December 1995

CRACKDOWN ON THE LTTE'S ACTIVITIES ABROAD

"A suspected leader and Canadian fund raiser for the terrorist Tamil Tigers has been arrested on terrorist related charges. The funds were transferred to Sri Lanka for use by the group to purchose weapons and equipment in their fight against the government."

-Toronto Star (Canada), 20 October 1995

"Calls on European Union member states to monitor the LITE offices operating on the territory of the EU and to ensure that their agents respect the law and take no part in terrorist or intimidatory activities." from Resolution adopted unanimously by the European Parliament on 16 November 1995

DISPLACEMENT OF CIVILIANS FROM JAFFNA

"Jaffna is a ghost town. Most of the 250,000 inhabitants have left. Some have doubtless gone in fear of the advancing army. But the majority were ordered out by the Tigers." - The Economist (UK) 18 November 1995

"Tamil refugees reaching government controlled areas have confirmed earlier government assertions that the rebels forced them at gun point from their homes in Jaffna." -New York Times, 6 December 1995

PROVISION OF FOOD AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO THE DISPLACED

"Sri Lanka presents the unusual situation of a central government providing relief aid to persons under control of opposition groups. In a world replete with examples of Governments and rebel groups using food as a weapon against civilians the situation in Sri Lanka is one that deserves closer attention if not more publicity as an important precedence."

Dr. Francis Deng, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on internally displaced persons in his 1994 report to the UN Commission on Human Rights

"The Government (Sri Lanka) appears to have done a commendable job feeding and sheltering them (the interally displaced), avoiding what would become a human catastrophe." - Times (London), 4 December 1995

TOWARDS A LASTING PEACE IN SRI LANKA

"The unveiling of the devolution proposals makes clear the effort of the Sri Lankan Government to distinguish between the obligation to respond sincerely to the long standing problems of the Tamil minority and the necessity to deal sharply with the LTTE's dangerous and fascist brand of terrorism. Sri Lanka's Govrnment has shown a pioneering and courageous approach to conflict resolution which should serve as a model for the

- Editorial in the Hindu (India), 4 August 1995

"We transformed our peace programme into a battle for peace only in order to defeat attacks against peace. At this moment of our victory let us not crow over military victories. I request my people of the Sinhala community today to continue steadfostly to show the same patience and humaneness you have so well demonstrated in the face of all provocation by extremists on both sides of the divide. I ask my people belonging to the Tamil community to continue to recognise that our government is ready to implement programmes to resolve your problems. Although some of you may have agreed to accept the authority of a terrorist regime as you may have had no alternative previously, today you have been offered the supreme opportunity to free yourself from the bondage of intolerance and terror perpetrated by the extremists on both sides. You do not need to continue any more the sacrifices you made with the blood and lives of your children. I invite all those who left Jaffin to return to their homes and lives in peace and security. My government undertakes to ensure you that. I invite all members of the LTTE to lay down arms and renounce violence. The government will offer you an amnesty and your safety.

- Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga on 6 December 1995 in an address to the nation after the liberation of Jaffna

The above comments make it clear that it is the LTTE and its sympathisers who continue to be the obstacle to peace in Sri Lanka. No right thinking person should therefore make any contribution to LTTE front organisations which describe themselves as rehabilitation bodies or Tamil foundations. Those intersted in making financial contributions to the humanitarian effort to help displaced persons in the north of Sri Lanka should send such contributions to internationally recognised and respected organisations - the ICRC, OXFAM, Save the Children Fund, UNHCR amongst others - who are presently assisting the government of Sri Lanka in its humanitarian relief programme.

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In Russia, It's No Longer Treason to Stay Abroad

MOSCOW — Russia's Constitutional Court, scrapping a legal relic of Soviet times, ruled Wednesday that citizens could no longer be charged with high treason for leaving the country illegally or failing to return.

The court formally ended the practice under which thou-

sands of people faced execution or long terms of imprisonment for going abroad without permission.

"The Russian Constitution provides for the right to freely leave the territory of the Russian Federation and return to the motherland without any obstruction," the court ruled.

"This means that criminal prosecution cannot be launched

in such cases." Russia's criminal code, although widely amended since the collapse of communism, still considers illegal foreign travel or refusing to return as equivalent to high treason.

50 Journalists Killed, 22 in Algeria, in 1995

PARIS — At least 50 jour- bomb planted in a café explod-nalists were killed this year ed on Wednesday in the center while doing their jobs or for of the town of Mostaganem, expressing their opinions, and wounding 23 people, the Alanother 20 deaths are being investigated, the watchdog group
gerian news agency APS said.
The blast, in the coastal town Reporters Without Borders said 280 kilometers (175 miles) Wednesday.

ous continent, with 28 deaths. Of those, 22 were in Algeria geria in 24 hours. alone, bringing to 49 the number killed there over the past blew up during a chase by sethree years "in attacks blamed curity forces in Tizi-Ouzou, 90 on armed Islamic groups." the kilometers east of Algiers,

group said. has been charged in the killings, wounding 42 people, the se-impunity is not only a denial of curity forces said. justice, it is also a real encour-agement to the killers of tomor-agement to the killers of tomor-

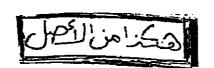
incestigating the causes of the deaths this year of 20 other shape Algeria's political map

and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

from Algiers, caused extensive Africa was the most danger- damage and was the second bomb explosion reported in Al-

Early Tuesday, a car bomb killing two Muslim fundamen-It said in cases where no one talists inside the vehicle and

newspaper said that the pres-The organization said it was idency was gearing up to open journalists, mainly in Russia through parliamentary elections next year. (AFP. Reuters)



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Indian Nuclear Test? India apparently is preparing a nuclear test. The government denies it, but along lines of the denial that preceded its first

'peaceful" test in 1974. The evident purpose is to give India's champing nuclear technicians a chance to improve certain warheads for its new missiles before next year, target date for agreement on a global test ban.

It is possible that India's government will not proceed beyond preparations to an actual (underground) test. But if it does, the test would be a defiant slap at global nonproliferation and would leave India in the company of China and France, discredited by their testing.

The danger of a test is not that it would of itself precipitate another war with similarly nuclear-capable Pakistan. But a test could accelerate the missile-and-bomb competitiveness of these two long-feuding rivals. It could further fray their mutual capacity to control their recurring border crises and war scares. It could exclude them from the collective of nations now joining in post-Cold War global nonproliferation efforts.

All this so that a hard-pressed, election-bound Indian government can satisfy the nuclear enthusiasts among the Hindu nationalist opposition and the

Who can forget India's repeated and fervent declarations that Americans were mired in Cold War attachment to nuclear arms? But now an opening for statesmanship looms before Indian leadership. India can rise above the travails of the Asian subcontinent and conform its national policies to global efforts to halt nuclear testing (a qualitative limit on arms building) and to cap production of fissile materials (a quantitative limit).

Last year Washington tried brokering Indian-Pakistani nuclear restraint. It failed. India would not accept controls that did not also bind its larger rival, China. It never enjoys American prompting anyway.

American diplomacy has not abandoned efforts to induce India and Pakistan to forgo missile deployment, stop testing and accept a fissile material ban. But it is also pursuing the last two of these objectives on a global, or "comprehensive," basis. The idea is that India could better share certain limits with greater China than with lesser Pakistan. None of this is likely to materialize, of course, if India is determined to go its own Cold War-like nuclear way.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Succession in Haiti

marked a milestone for democracy there and a success for U.S. policy. Next February, for the first time in nearly 200 years of Haitian independence, one democratically elected president can yield power to another. That was one of President Bill Clinton's main goals when he dispatched more than 20,000 American troops last September.

The winner, by a large margin, was René Préval, who ran with the powerful endorsement of the incumbent, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

While the polling was generally free of the disruptions that marred recent parliamentary elections, voter turnout was low and the campaign was disappoint-

ingly short on serious debate.

Mr. Préval, who served as prime minister during the chaotic first months of Nations force Mr. Aristide's presidency before the guration day. 1991 military coup, is known as a strong Aristide loyalist. But he has a credible record of his own and need not simply be a conduit for the outgoing president's

Sunday's presidential election in Haiti orders. Mr. Préval's credentials as an opponent of dictatorship go back almost a

> But his own views may be irrelevant. Mr. Aristide gives every indication of intending to rule indirectly through him, perhaps by having himself designated prime minister. That would be unfor-tunate. The formal achievement of a democratic passage of power would be meaningless if Mr. Aristide continued ruling behind Mr. Préval.

Haiti's transition from decades of abusive government and economic stagnation has a long way to go. Excessive concentrations of political and economic power and a culture of arbitrary policing remain largely in place. The next president will face severe challenges, be-ginning with the departure of the United Nations forces only weeks after inau-

To govern effectively, Mr. Préval will have to demonstrate early that he can make hard decisions on his own.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A NAFTA Delay

The North American Free Trade Agreement permits freer movement of Mexican and American trucks on both sides of the border. That promises dramatically increased commerce. But fears of accidents involving Mexican trucks in guard the rules governing inflammable or the north, along with Mexico's concerns over American competition, have officials are wary about increased drug prompted both countries to postpone a smuggling. general border opening scheduled for this

holding up a key NAFTA measure — adviser to President Bill Clinton obmeshed, they are "harmonized up" to further planning.

Legions of monitors will scrutinize the process of thrashing out the rules. Safety watchdogs will watch for any relaxation of truck weight, equipment and workhour standards. Environmentalists will toxic cargo. And U.S. law enforcement

U.S. trade officials and the Transporta-This delay is no cause for worry over tives to keep standards high. A political provided both countries use the time to served recently that one big accident strengthen safety rules. NAFTA's long-term workability is well served by making sure that when national standards are starkly, but it aptly describes the need for

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Lighting Up the Lobbies You wouldn't know it, what with all islature itself to live under many of the

the partisan rancor over the budget, but there was actually some sensible and bipartisan legislating going on this week in Washington. We refer to the signing of the lobby reform bill by President Clinton yesterday. It is a reasonable approach to a tions on the gifts that senators and rereal problem.

The bill would essentially make the lobbying disclosure laws mean what they claim to have meant for the last four most important and difficult part of the decades. Congress years ago required lobbyists to register and make some disclosure about what they did. But loopholes enabled thousands whose jobs involved what, by any reasonable de-finition, could be called "lobbying" to get around registering.

Thanks to the new law, it will be apparent who is pushing for what legislation nd who is spending how much to influence whom.

"Some of the lobbyists who have been excessive in terms of the amount of money spent are going to have to think twice," said Senator Carl Levin, Democrat of Michigan. "If the public finds out special interests spent a fortune to defeat a bill, it could have a negative impact."

At the beginning of this Congress, legislation was approved requiring the leg-

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labor and other regulatory laws that it had passed for the rest of the country - a useful blow against the idea that Congress somehow put itself above the law. Both houses have passed tough restricpresentatives can accept.

But real change in the way Congress does business will not come until the reform agenda falls into place: changes in campaign financing that will reduce the need for members to beg for money from every interest group in fown.

Many of the good legislators who have announced their retirement this year, such as Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Republican of Kansas, have spoken of the toll taken on politicians and the democratic system by the sharp inflation of the cost of campaigns and the resulting need for endless fund-raising. In both the House and the Senate, bipartisan alliances resembling those that pushed through the other reforms have some answers. The reformers should not rest until they resolve the campaign spending issue, which lies at the core of Washington's influence business.

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Inch by Inch, at Best, With Assad the Process Player

WASHINGTON — Immobility is Hafez Assad's thing. The Syrian president advances inch by excruciating inch if he moves at all. His opponents pay

for each tiny adjustment. I have conducted two totally frustrating and exhausting interviews in my life. Both were with Mr. Assad, who uses an hour of evasive monologue to clear his throat for two hours of minutely calibrated talk.

Those two sessions came to mind last week as I watched Shimon Peres, the mercurial and visionary Israeli prime minister, bound about Washington talking up the chances for a deal with Mr. Assad before next November's Israeli and U.S. elections. I wondered if Mr. Peres had any idea what he is getting into. It is hard to imagine two more dissimilar styles of leadership, or two more dissimilar men.

Mr. Peres is quicksilver, Mr. Assad concrete. Mr. Peres will launch a thousand shafts of ideas into the air while Mr. Assad is still contemplating the way the notch of a single arrow fits into a bowstring. Mr. Peres is a freewheeling cool jazz quintet: Mr. Assad plays medieval dirges on the bassoon.

Process is everything to the Syrian, immaterial to the Israeli. That gap brought grief to the effort by the late Yitzhak Rabin

By Jim Hoagland

to woo Mr. Assad into serious peace talks earlier this year. And it remains the biggest obstacle that Mr. Peres has to

overcome in pushing what is now a halfwish, half-plan to sweep Mr. Assad into a grand Arab-Israeli pact of friendship and eace sponsored by the United States. Mr. Rabin's more modest effort produced publicly announced meetings between the Israeli and Syrian ambassadors

to the United States and the military chiefs of staff of both nations. But Mr. Assad prevented those talks from moving to the substance of trading full peace with Israel for the Golan Heights territory taken by Israel in 1967. He spurned higher-level secret talks, insisting that Israel agree in advance to return the Golan before substantive talks began.

His demand for the Israelis to pay with substance for Syrian concessions on procedure chafed Mr. Rabin, who in the weeks before his assassination made evident his frustration with Mr. Assad and his dwindling hopes for peace on the Syrian front.

The preliminary talks were suspended.

opening for new peace efforts in the state-controlled Syrian media's sympathetic coverage of Mr. Peres's new peace efforts and public remarks by Assad aides. On his first visit to Washington since

succeeding Mr. Rabin, Mr. Peres indicated that he believes that the assassination of Mr. Rabin has finally convinced Mr. Assad that there is a genuine difference between his governing Labor coalition and the Likud opposition, and that it is in the Syrian's advantage to deal before November's elections.

The Israeli agreed to relaunch the Syrian-Israeli contacts on Dec. 27 in Washington. He took personal control of the Syrian track, which had been run by Mr. labin, by naming his trusted lieutenant Uri Savir to represent Israel. Mr. Savir is the second-ranking official in the Israeli Foreign Ministry and headed the secret negotiations with the Palestine Liberation

Organization in Oslo in 1993. Mr. Assad has not disclosed his intentions, but may simply send his Washington ambassador again to the talks. That would be vintage Assad.

In his discussion with President Bill Clinton, Mr. Peres outlined in general But Mr. Peres has no time for despair. terms his thinking on a region-wide se-By an act of will he has perceived an curity pact that would fall into place once

Syria and Israel make peace. That was vintage Peres, using a grand design of the future to hurry along the mundane details of the present.

The experience that Mr. Peres and Mr. Savir have had with the PLO's Yasser Arafat may lead them into exaggerated expectations about Mr. Assad. Mr. Arafat agreed to peace with Israel as an escape forward — a military tactic in which an army unit that is cut off and doomed tries to break through the enemy's from lines, hoping to survive until rear-echelon forces push the front forward and rescue the desperate attackers.

Politically it is probably to Mr. Peres's advantage to go into the November elections with talks with Syria started, looking promising but not completed. Mr. Assad may play along. It costs him nothing. His brutal repression has made sure that he will never face an electoral challenge at home. Also helping the prospects of the new Washington talks is that Mr. Assad has in Secretary of State Warren Christopher an American interlocutor as captivated by process as he is. But Mr. Peres and Mr. Christopher can be sure of only one thing with Mr. Assad: Whatever movement

there is, it will not come easy - or free. The Weshington Post.

Posthumous Communism, but Real Power in Russia Is Elsewhere

PARIS — Communism is back, in Russia and indeed nearly everywhere in the ex-Soviet bloc. And yet Communism is finished. History does not repeat itself, in this case even as farce.

Communism as a theory of history and human progress was dead in Russia by the time Stalin had finished with it. It feebly survived until the 1970s in Western Europe, in certain university faculties and among romantic students. Rumor has it that Marxism can still be found, dissimulated among the literary theorists, in the United States. But in the real world it has no believers today.

Communism now is mere technique for obtaining power by exploiting the popular desire for order and a modicum of well-being. These Russian election results

would be more important if the Communists could actually deliver order, at an acceptable cost, and an egalitarian prosperity.

By William Pfaff The need for both is urgent, ern theorists and officials who

Economic reform has been accompanied not only by falling material standards for most Russians but by a degradation in how people live, and indeed in how long they live. The mortality rate has risen by 40 percent since 1990.

The Communists' victory will change little of this. Parliament has very limited powers. The government of Boris Yeltsin will continue on what it presents as a course of pro-Western reform.

The Communists' electoral success was also an expression of national ambition and a reaction to national humiliation. People ask: How can my country have fallen so low? Both the Communist party and the nationalists answer that the West is to blame.

Anti-Westernism is an important political force, testament to the lack of wisdom of those Westhave aggressively intervened in Russian reform, as if that nation were a parient etherized upon a table, available for grand if alien experimentation. The creature thus created walks, demanding revenge for what was done to it.

Western observers say that all now rides on whether the liberal and reformist parties and personalities in Russia will overcome the rivalries that divide them and present a single presidential candidate in the spring. Mr. Yeltsin, with his several illnesses, seems determined to run despite the divisions of the reformers in this parliamentary campaign. The evidence that a united reformist

front will exist in June is slight. Yet that is not perhaps the real threat. Government in Russia today is not the power that government is in most of the rest of

the world. Power is exercised by political-economic clans issued from the old power structure, the intelligence and security apparatuses in particular, the energy and raw materials industries, the state arms and aerospace manufacturing groups, financial interests, and regional political and eco-

nomic establishments.

This is a logical sequel to how power was divided in the past. Under the Soviet system, real power was in the hands of those who knew how to work the system and deliver what it demanded. The recent electoral successes of former Communists in East-Central Europe and Russia are due in part to the fact that these people ran administrations and ruled industries in the past, and still know how to make things work. They certainly are more competent than many of the reformers, who had

not before held power. This means that power in Rus-

sia today is largely unelected, therefore illegitimate, frequently possessing criminal alliances.

The real struggle is not between reformers and Communists or nationalists in the open political arena, but among occult or quasioccult power centers. They are concerned with domestic reform. or Russia's position in the world, only as these may affect them.

While the relatively high turnout in Sunday's parliamentary elections, and the high level of, political activism, would seem positive signs for Russia's democratic future, elections may not, have that much to do with Russia's future --- or with whether the future will be democratic.

The unsettled question is whe-! ther the elected state will govern. Or whether it will merely supply the facade that conceals those who possess the true power.

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Things the Troops in Haiti Can Teach Comrades in Bosnia

Bosnia debate is over. U.S. troops are on their way. The only thing worth arguing about now is how that peace effort can succeed. So I came to Haiti to ask U.S. soldiers what they had learned that might be helpful for their comrades in Bosnia.

Here are the lessons they offered. Define success as something you can achieve in a year. U.S. peacekeepers in Haiti defined success as giving Haiti a decent chance to develop into the Dominican Republic — its poor Caribbean neighbor, which at least has some democracy, a functioning economy and stability. They are not building Sweden here.

I witnessed a meeting that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide held with some visiting U.S. dignitaries. At the end, an American clergyman present asked all the guests to bow their heads and pray that they had begun to turn Haiti "from misery into poverty." By that yardstick, the U.S. mis-

sion in Haiti could be judged a success.

Always invite the Bangladesh battalion to dinner. In Haiti, as in Bosnia, there are many Third World countries cooperating with U.S. forces. Always let them eat in By Thomas L. Friedman

your dining hall with U.S. troops so that the locals will understand that they are part of your force. The bad guys never dared attack U.S. peacekeepers in Haiti, but they frequently harassed the Bangladeshi and Djibouti battalions. Remember: In Somalia, 18 U.S. Marines got killed because they were trying to avenge an attack — not on themselves but on Pakistani UN peacekeepers.

Diplomats make treaties, 19-year-old platoon commanders make history. A young squadron leader from the 101st to bull his way through all the bureau-Airborne told me that one day his unit was out on patrol and a Haitian man pointed out ning. When he goes, so might the lights. a house loaded with gang weapons. They did nothing. The next day they discovered that the man had been murdered. "We felt real bad," said the squad leader.

Other times, he said, his troops intervened to seize weapons or break up fights. "You have to strike a balance between helping them and not letting them think you are going to solve all their problems for them," he explained.

squad leaders will make in Bosnia every day. Pray for good judgment. To think that the United States can just separate warring factions and not get drawn into their human problems is an illusion.

The U.S. Army ends up doing most while U.S. troops just provided security. But 15 months after the U.S. forces arrived, a U.S. Army lieutenant colonel with an engineering degree is still in charge of Haiti's power generation, because he was the only one with the moxie and authority cratic snags to keep the generators run-

A year doesn't buy what it used to. Standing in Haiti's Cité Soleil slum, I saw a pig walk down the street that was as big as a hippopotamus from eating all the garbage around. A relief worker told me that the good news was that three years ago those pigs used to feed off corpses left in the streets from political slayings. The corpses are gone now, because the U.S. troops have restored basic security and a

That is a judgment call that young police intrastructure to Half. By Hairi quad leaders will make in Bosnia every still has no posses system, no public ay. Pray for good judgment. To think schools, few working sewers, no public transport, no industry and no good roads.

Get ready for mixed emotions. As an American, I watched with pride as U.S. soldiers, standing in garbage, protected everything. Yes, international organiza-tions were supposed to rebuild Haiti, election ever. But I worry that we have provided security and democracy for a country that is still hollow. It has no economy, a ravaged environment and a cynical upper class that U.S. troops refer to as MREs" — morally reprehensible elites.

The changes wrought in Haiti are on the surface. It's like the voting station I visited that had chicken feathers on the floor. it was a cockfighting ring the other 364 days of the year. If the 2,200 U.S. troops vacase Haiti as scheduled, on Feb. 29, the new Haitian police force will soon collapse. We have to find a way to continue

helping them in a new guise.
One year may be all the U.S. public can tolerate, but it is not even the minimum Haiti needs to have any hope of becoming the Dominican Republic.

The New York Times.

Tune Back In, Friends of Cambodia, the Crisis Show Isn't Over

PHNOM PENH — The pomp and circumstance of royalty coexist in Cambodia with vehement denunciations of foreigners who have the temerity to point at dictatorial methods of government, at odds with a democracy ostensibly restored through United Nations intervention.

Norodom Sihanouk has been reinstated as king. The entire government and diplomatic corps attend at the airport as he and his consort set off on a state visit abroad. At the age of 73, despite failing health, he works the lineup like an old professional.

The assembled diplomats are concerned about more than being kissed on both cheeks by his majesty. The U.S. and French embassies have been threatened with violent demonstrations that recall acts of so-called spontaneous anger in 1964, when the U.S. and

British missions were attacked, It is Hun Sen, the second prime minister in the coalition government, who denounces foreigners. And he recently called out the tanks to place Prince Norodom Sirivudh, former foreign minister and the king's half-brother, under protective custody" before he was formally arrested on a charge

of plotting to assassinate him. The first prime minister, Prince Norodom Ranamidh, eldest son of King Sihanouk, advised National Assembly members of his majority royalist party, of which Prince Sirivudh is secretary-general, to vote to remove the latter's parliamentary immunity so that he could be formally detained. He By Michael Leifer

risk because of Hun Sen's intemperate personality.

That immunity was removed in a closed session. Foreign criticism of the violation of constitutional process provoked Hun Sen into making impassioned speeches threatening retaliation. These days, King Sihanouk can

only reign, not rule. He urged his half-brother to take the option of exile rather than risk trial and the ire of Hun Sen, a former member of the Khmer Rouge. Prince Sirivudh is to leave this Thursday for voluntary exile in France. There are many interpretations of current Cambodian politics, in-

cluding the likelihood of Hun Sen's fear of assassination. Cambodia has regressed politically since the heady days of UN in-tervention and the holding of democratic elections. The UN transitional authority solved the Cambodian conflict as an international problem, and the

Khmer Rouge have gone into political and military decline. However, Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party -- which was put into power in January 1979 as the pro-Communist Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Party by the Vietnamese invasion force that ousted the Khmer Rouge regime - has resumed its former dominant role, despite coming second in the elections to the royalists. Before the elections, Hun

Sen's party controlled the armed

forces, the police, key ministries

and much of the local adminis-

in the coalition government with the royalists, it distorted the outcome of the elections conducted

under UN auspices. Prince Ranarridh evidently feels he has no choice but to work in an unholy alliance with Hun Sen. He does not have access to real power. His divided royalist party has failed to secure its share of military and administrative resources. For his part, Hun Sen is content to act in nominal impior partnership to sustain international recognition. The result is a strong-arm regime that intimidates opponents and lets un-

ploit natural resources. The dictatorial style of government has shown itself unwilling to tolerate any legitimate challenge. This was exemplified by the removal from office last year of Sam Rainsy, the royalist finance minister, which prompted Prince Sirivudh's resignation as foreign minister in protest. Sam Rainsy was subsequently expelled from the royalist party and then from the National Assembly.

scrupulous foreign interests ex-

His move to create an opposition Khmer Nation Party has been the precipitating factor in the current political crisis. The opportunistic arrest and exile of his friend Prince Sirivadh served to create a climate of fear to fend off all challenge. It demonstrated to would-be dissidents the cost and futility of opposing the regime.

Sam Rainsy's party has been refused registration, and should warned that if it were not removed.

Prince Strivudh's life could be at force to secure a dominant place has been highly critical of Hun Ironsides" and refuse to consider gone surprisingly well.

Sen, another political crisis is 1991 that paved the way for UN:

likely to follow. Hegel has been credited with saying that when history repeats itself, it does so first in tragedy and then in farce. Cambodia has had more than its fair share of tragedy. its contemporary political scene displays undoubted elements of

Paris peace agreement of October

farce, but tragedy still hovers, Those countries in Asia and the West which strongly supported the

its terms. They have an obligation to tell the Phnom Penh government to observe the terms of Cambodia's democratic constitution. The writer, professor of inter-interional relations at the London

intervention seem reluctant now to

1895: Canada in Peril?

HALIFAX, N.S. - Eastern Canadian papers regard war with the United States as only a question of time. The St. John Telegraph says: Canada must prepare for armed invasion. The alterior motive of the Americans is to capture Canada, as it was in 1812. "The Halifax Herald says: "The sooner Canadians realize the seriousness of the danger and get together for the purpose of preparing for it, the

1920: Corsets Scorned

etter for all concerned?

INDIANAPOLIS -- Local girls discard their corsets at dances, according to facts revealed by mothers at the Women's Club, where they discussed the trouble they have in getting their daughters to wear corsets. One woman said that her daughter confessed that she takes hers off because the

them when making up their dance: programmes. This girl is quoted! as saying: "Why, mother, every chair in the ladies' dressing room.

1945: Atomic Control

in Moscow was reported to have made hopeful progress toward agreement on the problem of United Nations control of atomic at ergy. Private reports were said to show more optimism on the part of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Foreign Secretary Emest Bevin then when they first arrived in the Soviet capital for their conference with Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov. The conference covered, among out subjects, the questions of func-control of atomic energy and

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is piled high with corsets. Who wants to be a wallflower?"

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Unlike America, Europe Hasn't Mugged Its Cities

S TUTTGART—By the tens of thousands, from late morning to the icy darkness of the early winter nights. Germans have been flocking this month into the center city subdivisions, shopping in ugly blocks of Stuttgart, visiting the malls surrounded by endless Europe's biggest and perhaps grandest Christmas festival.

For the children there are puppet shows, wooden toys, candies and gingerbread houses, miniature steam train rides and vivid images of Christmas light and cheer.

Adults in search of gifts can find delightfully inventive carved figures, jewelry and beeswax candles,

painted and stained glass.
Wurst and heated waffles, biscuits and stollen are all on hand. A delicious fragrance of spiced glühwein floats through the air, quaff a cup and your chills quickly flee. A shared Christmas spirit seems to pervade the crowds.

Stuttgart is not alone: Vienna has reinvented its Advent market, a tradition traceable to 1298. Salzburg, Innsbruck, Nuremberg, Munich, Heidelberg, Strasbourg all offer lively Christmas festivals, too.

And for Americans, there's an added wonder: These lively markets aren't just once-a-year revivals in the core of halfdeserted cities. Far from it, the department stores, the shops, the center city restaurants and coffeehouses throb with activity all year long.

But as my journalist col-league Alex Marshall reported, in a Metropolis magazine article entitled "Euro-Sprawl," compact downtowns, public squares and fountains aren't all there is not and likely would not work in

By Neal R. Peirce

Vast numbers of middle-class Europeans, Mr. Marshall says, have moved out to secluded 250 elaborate stalls set up for stretches of parking lots, driving on traffic-clogged freeways.

Yet even if city-loving Europeans have begun to emulate Americans' search for automobility and a yard to call one's own, they haven't committed the almost unpardonable sin of American metropolises - letting big chunks of the center cities and older neighborhoods sink into decay.

Instead, virtually every European city has preserved, rebuilt and continued to invest, invest, invest.

A critical reason why the Continent's wondrous Christmas markets are even possible is the immense premium placed on public transportation. Parking in or near downtown Stuttgart, for example, is prohibitively expensive.

Yet there's a remarkable and growing array of trolley lines, newly operating underground in center city as well connecting aboveground with neighborhoods both close-in and on the periphery

of the region. Since the 1960s, when they saw how private automobiles could engulf and pollute their treasured cities, Europeans have been fighting hard to reclaim public space by enhancing mass transit, bicycling and walking.

Some European innovations - large vehicle-free pedestrian to the Continent's urban life. most American metropolises.

But a delegation of U.S. transit officials, visiting Europe this year, discovered not just massive investments in transit but system innovations that

might serve America well. Zurich, for example, has 43 public and private transit operators providing a total of 262 commuter rail, light rail, bus and trolleybus lines, paddle-wheel lake steamers, mountain rail and cable car lines.

The goal, reports the newsletter Urban Innovation Abroad, is a transit stop within 300 meters — 1,000 feet of every doorstep.

To coordinate it all, Zurich like Munich, Frankfurt, Bern and other European cities - has a regional transportation association. Fare integration among the operators is facilitated by use of prepurchased smart cards, so customers don't have to make cash payments trip by trip.

Another growing idea: coordinated, dynamically scheduled nighttime taxi service that meets transit riders at suburban stops and takes them (at subsidized rates) directly to their homes.

In Salzburg, where public transit, biking and walking account for a phenomenal 63 per-cent of all trips, the private radio taxi association picked up nearly 50,000 nighttime passengers last year. Such service, reports the Urban Mobility Corp., could benefit many American cities where fear of crime discourages many poten-

tial nighttime riders. High technology and aesthetics help, too. Strasbourg has a fleet of futuristic low-floor

tram cars but has also worked to make the trip visually pleasant by planting more than 1,000 full-sized trees and encouraging striking images by artists along the tram route.

Strasbourg also offers a rental bike fleet and electrical rental cars downtown. "Public automobiles," for rent by the hour by visitors or residents with short daytime trips to make, started in Switzerland and Scandinavia. The service has now spread to Germany, Austria and France. In place of everyone's parking his car on city streets, 'public autos' represent an in-

triguing future alternative. The lesson seems to be that big-time investment and latest technologies — but also aesthetics and ingenuity — must be melded into the formulas for cities that work for people.

The Europeans seem intent on preserving and rebuilding a public order of shared transportation and shared streets and plazas. Americans, with their private cars, socially stratified malls and gated communities, seem to be racing in the other direction toward faceless exurbia. A wondrous shared experi-

ence like Stuttgart's Christmas festival is a bittersweet reminder of how much Americans are missing. Washington Post Writers Group.

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A Shrinking Space for Psychoanalysis

S TANFORD, California — There is a panic inherent in the anticipation of professional extinction that is the dread

of Freud's disciples these days. The announcement by the U.S. Library of Congress that it would shelve an exhibition titled "Sigmund Freud: Conflict and Culture" coincided with the winter meeting of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis, prophetically titled "Is There a Place for Psychoanalysis in Con temporary Culture?" - thereby confirming the fear of many psychoanalysts that the answer may be "no."

The library's halfhearted decision to put the great guru in cold storage left some analysts in a sweat, feeling defensive, unloved and full of self-doubt about their prospects in the intellectual

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and economic marketplace. The delay is probably less important than it seems. The authority of curators to be unchallenged arbiters of taste has evaporated over the past decade.

In this age of "identity politics" and hotly contested points of view, the very idea of "public culture" has become an

And one does not need a degree in economics to figure out that if exhibitors cannot be highly selective, discerning and partial, then any display or narration about a controversial subject is probably going to be too expensive to mount. The library was just spineless and poor.

The declining mental health of America's psychoanalysts, however, is a real matter for concern. Is there a place for psychoanalysis in contemporary culture? What should we tell them to do about

their dread? For starters, let's not deny their reality. Frend has many intellectual enemies. And they are far more numerous and Gloria Steinem and Oliver Sacks — who By Richard A. Shweder

signed a petition urging the Library of Congress to shower the Vicunese doctor with venom rather than just glory.

Here is the short version of the enemies list: Sociobiologists don't like Freud because they think family members have no sexual interest in one another. Cognitive scientists don't like Freud because they think the "unconscious mind" is a rapidly firing network of widely distributed neurons, with no mind of its own. Behavioral geneticists don't like Freud be-cause they really think that biology is destiny and that early childhood experience has very little to do with your life. Postmodernists don't like Freud be-

cause they think that interpretation is merely free association, while Freud believed that by studying free association he might uncover the true meaning of "text."

Feminists don't like Freud because they think he discounted reports of sex-ual abuse, disparaged the female body and collaborated with his buddies against his female clients. They think Freud was a patriarch.

Even academic psychologists and philosophers of science don't like Freud. The academic psychologists think that the study of the mind has nothing to do with sex, religion, literature, mythology or the history of civilizations, while Freud, bless his heart, made those topics the core of his curriculum.

And the philosophers of science come in two kinds: those who think Freud's tenets are untestable and hence unworthy of scientific consideration, and those who think his tenets are testable and have been shown to be false. So the rap on Freud is not very good.

The word is out in the medical world. It takes too long to "know thyself." Increments of personal insight are hard to measure or reimburse. Moreover, med- The New York Times.

ical interns get nervous when they have to

speak to their patients. They know all too little about the body and even less about a broken heart, or the history of civilization, which is

why we need Prozac. Freud once wrote: "However philosophy may bridge the gap between physical and mental, it still exists for practical purposes, and our practice on each side of must differ accordingly."

Freud may have underestimated our practicality and overestimated our sense of purpose, but he was right to worry that the marriage of psychoanalysis to medicine would one day end in disaster. He might even have been pleased to discover that in contemporary American

Freud would be feeling defensive and unloved.

culture, the major interest in psychoanalysis is found in schools of theology and on Broadway. Psychoanalysis has a popular appeal, not because it is a form of medicine or alternative therapy but because it is a secular religion that tries to address the deeper meanings of life.

This is a time for psychoanalysis to

discover its true identity. It is time for a divorce from medicine. It is time for a remarriage with theologians.

Freud taught that to be happy one must maximize pleasure (the id), be moral (the superego) and survive (the ego). I am not worried about the survival of psychoanalysts. I think their fears of extinction are largely irrational. I just hope they have the guts to do the right thing.

The writer, a professor of human deelopment at the University of Chicago, is currently a fellow at the Center f Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. He contributed this comment to



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nigerian Prisoner

The hangings in Nigeria of the human rights activist Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight associates have provided a sad reminder of the brutality of General Sani Abacha's regime. Terrible as these events were, however, they are not the only ones that

stigmatize the military regime.
This past July 27, Dr. Beko
Ransome-Kuti, a Nigerian
physician and human rights activist, was arrested for denouncing the secret trials of 43 people accused of plotting a coup against the Nigerian regime. In a letter published in This Day magazine, Dr. Ran-some-Kuti declared that the coup plot had been fabricated by the Nigerian regime and asked for the release of the alleged coup organizers.
Dr. Ransome-Kuti was se-

cretly tried by the Special Military Tribunal and sentenced to life imprisonment. That sentence could not be appealed in an ordinary court because a 1987 military decree established at ordinary courts cannot chalenge or review any verdict made by the military tribunal.

Although Nigeria's information minister announced in October that Dr. Ransome-Kuti's sentence had been reduced to 15 years in prison, the regime's record leads one to believe that Dr. Ransome-Kuti is being tortured or ill treated. Many other political prisoners are held in similar harsh circumstances.

Dr. Ransome-Kuti has had a distinguished career as a hu-man rights advocate in Nigeria, and on several occasions he was imprisoned for his activities concerning human rights issues. He was a secretary of the Nigerian Medical Association and he is presently a member of the Commonwealth Medical Association Human Rights Initiative. CESAR CHELALA.

EU Expansion

Regarding 'Timetable for Expanding EU Is Hailed' (Dec. 18):

what misinterprets the aims of various countries vis-a-vis the enlargement of the European Union when it states that Helmut Kohl rebuffed the efforts of some countries to ensure that the Baltic states would start negotiations at the same time as the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

In fact, the outcome of the Madrid summit meeting is exactly what we in Estonia wanted to see: a commitment by the EU to commence negotiations with all those countries that are deemed ready as early as January 1998. We have always stated that

we believe in accession by merit - and this is exactly what we see implied in the requirement that advice be submitted on the readiness of each individual applicant country.

A European Union enlarge-ment, whether it commences southward from Finland or eastward from Germany, or in both directions at the same time, can be successful only if it proceeds from a careful assessment of the financial implications of each new accession.

Were it not to do so, and were decisions based on the narrow political interests of one or several member states, the EU would stand to lose. Therefore. we welcome the results of the Madrid meeting as a significant step in the right direction.

CLYDE KULL.

The writer is ambassador and head of mission of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union.

Taiwan Identity

Regarding "Listen to Democratic Taiwan. Noisy and Distinct" (Opinion, Nov. 29):

I am a 22-year-old classical pianist, currently living in Geneva pursuing my musical career. Born in Taiwan, I have since birth carried the dark green passport that still holds the title "The Republic of China" on its cover. Having lived in and traveled through several countries for my musical development, I have encountered numerous problems as a result

of this passport. On the diplomatic level, I am often limited when trying to get visas to countries that have no relations with Taiwan. There

just seem to be pages and pages of restrictions for Taiwanese visitors. Whenever I mention my nationality, I often receive cold or indifferent responses.

On the social level, I encounter even bigger problems. I struggle to fight for an identity that only vaguely exists in eople's minds.

When I am asked about my origin, I say, "Taiwan." "Thailand?" "No, Taiwan." "Where is that? Oh yes, you are Chinese." "No, Taiwanese! It is different now," I reply. I am not screaming for the

independence of Taiwan, only its recognition. JENNY LIN.

No-Strings Force

Western Europe's tiptoeing around the Bosnian mess plus America's recent, hesitant immersion illustrates the world's need but understandable reluctance to resolve conflicts. This does not imply that conflicts should be allowed to take their bloody course. A means is needed to defuse them.

The United Nations was meant to solve such initially small conflicts before they expanded into worldwide conflagrations. But today, Western powers will not expend their blood without an obvious and compelling national reason. Well-paid UN troops would for monetary, altruistic and/or merely bloodthirsty reasons try to resolve the world's small (initially, that is) conflicts.

If the major powers — i.e., the United States — were willing to devote a tenth of the money they now spend on their militaries, they could resolve many of the world's conflicts. as well as save lives of their own. How many lives could have been saved if the world had taken an early, united stand against Hitler?

To be truly effective, such soldiers would have to be fully UN soldiers, with no strings attached. With such a force, we could create the world that the UN's founders pictured. Instead, we keep flirting with the type of scenarios that ignited World Wars I and II.

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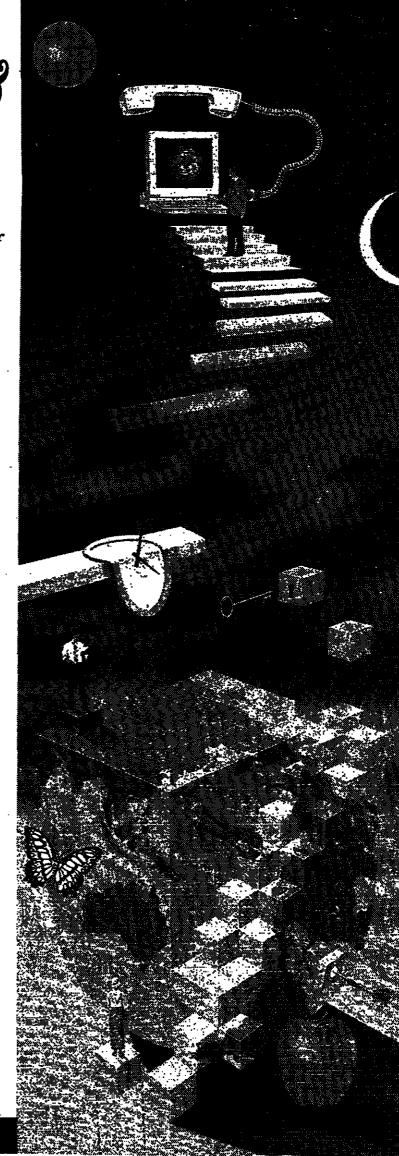
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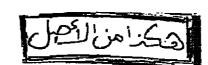
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Tuzla's Viceroy: A General Who Started as an Army Private

By Rick Atkinson

were no brass bands, no welcoming committees, no television lights. The midnight arrival of Major General William L. Nash as the new military viceroy of eastern Nash's boot tag has the green paina of age. Bosnia was low key almost to the point of the telltale sign of a veteran whose tours of invisibility: The U.S. Army commander duty included stints as an armored cavalry strapped on his helmet, strode down the commander in Vietnam and a tank brigade rear ramp of a C-130 airplane and went to commander in the Gulf War.

an impish sense of humor and a shrewd math and chemistry at Tulane University. he enlisted in the army as a private in 1963. later secured an appointment to West Point, soldiers in the eastern third of Bosnia.

and graduated 30th in a class of more than

Like many soldiers, the 52-year-old gen-TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina - There eral wears one dog tag around his neck and another laced into his boot — a grim but useful practice that eases identification in the event of dismemberment. General

Last summer, after supervising the Abrupt and unceremonious, the arrival army's program for modernizing the Saudi Monday was vintage Nash. A 32-year vet- Arabian National Guard. General Nash eran, the two-star general evinces a gruff, took command of the 1st Armored Division cigar-puffing informality that belies both in Germany. On Wednesday, he also became commander of Sector Tuzla for NAintelligence. After two years of studying TO's implementation force, overseeing not only 20,000 U.S. troops but also 6,000 Turkish, Russian, Scandinavian and Baltic

energy," said a senior officer who worked Chiefs.

with General Nash in Germany. "He's not the physically robust sort of guy who will be down there playing flag football with the Gulf War, General Nash has his work cut troops, but he knows everything that's go- out for him. ing on in that division."

officer, General Nash spent his childhood shuttling from post to post, including stints cease-fire, ensure the withdrawal of heavy in Japan and Indonesia. He turned down an weapons by all sides and establish "joint appointment to West Point in 1961 in favor military commissions" throughout the secof a civilian education, only to find military calling too strong to resist - a choice encouraged by his mother, who got him another application for the military acade-

His decorations in Vietnam included a Purple Heart and the Silver Star for gallantry. General Nash's later assignments included learning how to fly belicopters Nash's staff searched for a politically neu- there will not be peace.

Taking over what may be the most politically sensitive field command since the

He must mark and enforce a "zone of Born in Tucson, the son of a career army separation" between the warring parties despite bad weather. He must monitor a tor to arbitrate disputes.

Moreover, he finds himself shoulder to shoulder with his former adversaries from the Soviet Union in the explosive Posavina corridor, a narrow neck of land connecting the two large Serbian-held sections of

"His colonels have nothing but respect and serving as an aide to General John tral word to describe the relationship. For for what he knows, and they feed off his Vessey, then chairman of the Joint now the commander is officially a "coordinator" when it comes to the Rus-

"He's a pretty demanding guy, but that's not meant negatively," a staff officer observed. "He's a cavalry officer at heart. used to working autonomously and with limited guidance from above, used to sizing up a situation without much infor-

mation and making a decision quickly.

As for the burden of keeping peace. General Nash places it squarely on the Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

"They are the ones who have chosen this path. They don't need me to separate them; they could separate themselves," he said.

"It's not like you have boxing rings everywhere with a referce who has to go in Bosnia. Because of Moscow's sensitivities and separate each and every boxer," he about being under NATO control, General said, adding: "If they don't want peace,

Papandreou Suffers From **New Infection** And Is 'Grave'

ATHENS - Doctors were battling Wednesday to keep Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou alive after his weakened immune system was hit by a new lung infection and his condition was described as critical.

The health of the prime minister has worsened in the past 12 hours," a hospital statement said. "His breathing is constantly supported by a res-pirator and his kidneys by dialysis."

Doctors at the Onassis Heart Center said Mr. Papandreou's lungs were. difficult for him to breathe.

"The patient's condition is grave," a doctor said. "He is not responding to antibooties, and his vital organs are failing. We don't know if we can reverse this situation.

Mr. Papandreou, 76, was hospitalized with pneumonia on Nov. 20. He suffered his latest setback Monday night, when he was again put on the respirator. He has suffered a series of secondary infections since last

week, which doctors have been treating with a wide range of antibiotics. He became Greece's first Socialist prime minister in 1981 and served until 1989, breaking the right's post-war grip on power. He was elected again in October 1993, but his term has been overshadowed by questions about his health.

He has not been replaced, and no successor has been named. Few Socialists have dared to raise the succession issue while the venerated founder of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement fights for his life.

Doctors have said it is doubtful that Mr. Papandreou would be able to resume his duties even if he recovered, and many Socialists have asked Health Minister Dimitris Kremastinos, who is Mr. Papandreou's personal physician, to brief them on his condition.

Israel Blocks Entry Of 7 Jews From U.S. Security Reasons Are Cited

Wednesday barred seven American Jews from entering the country. The seven, one of whom is a New York rabbi. and had banned him even were considered a security risk by officials still dealing with the assassination last month of

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The Interior Ministry said Rabbi Abraham Hecht, 73, of New York, had been barred for having given a religious justification for the eventual killing of Mr. Rabin months before the murder — even though he apologized in a letter to Mr. Rabin days before the assassination.

The ministry said the six others had been linked to illegal activities in Israel, backed extremist groups outlawed in the country or been active in the Jewish Defense League founded by Rabbi Meir Kahane, an anti-Arab militant who was killed in New York in 1990.

"All of these people have a criminal past, could endanger the public order or endanger national security." said Interior Minister Haim Ramon. As a result, they would be barred from entering Israel or from receiving immigrant status, he said.

Under Israeli law, foreigners who can trace Jewish roots to at ister Jozef Oleksy, a former least one grandparent can become new immigrants and claim Israeli citizenship.

The files of these people were considered over a long period by security officials and up his office to another former imously recommended I exer-niewski, in three days, called a cise my authority," Mr. Ramon sudden meeting of Parliament said on Israel Radio.

crack down on Jewish "ex- given secret material revealing being a threat to the state. tremists" after the murder of a threat to state security. Mr. Rabin on Nov. 4 by Yigal Amir, a Jew who opposed Israel's handing over of West government said, "The allegation concerning Oleksy is built

were widely quoted in the Amer- with a person who lived in Warican Jewish press, cited portions saw and later turned out to be a of religious law that he said al- Russian intelligence agent." lowed a person to be killed for handing over Jewish people or property to an alien people — an apparent reference to Mr. Ra-

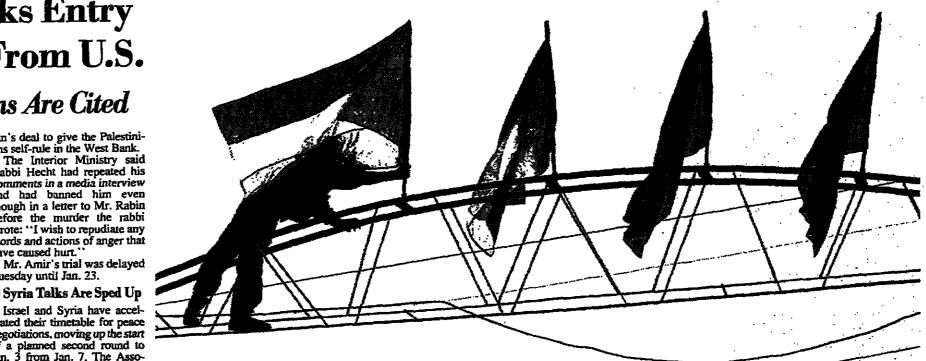
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JERUSALEM - Israel on ans self-rule in the West Bank. The Interior Ministry said Rabbi Hecht had repeated his comments in a media interview though in a letter to Mr. Rabin before the murder the rabbi wrote: "I wish to repudiate any words and actions of anger that have caused hurt.'

> Tuesday until Jan. 23. ■ Syria Talks Are Sped Up

Israel and Syria have accelerated their timetable for peace negotiations, moving up the start of a planned second round to Jan. 3 from Jan. 7, The Associated Press quoted Israel Radio as reporting. The first round is to begin Dec. 27 in Washington.



A man hanging Palestinian flags from a steel arch over Manger Square in Bethlebern on Wednesday as the city readied for Christmas celebrations.

Walesa Rebuffed on Accusations **About Leader's Contact With Spy**

WARSAW - Poland's left-

ist cabinet Wednesday dis-missed accusations by President Lech Walesa that Prime Min-Communist, had had dangerous contacts with a Moscow spy, said people familiar with the matter.

the state prosecutor, who unan- Communist, Alexander Kwas-

He and his office gave no details, but a person close to the tion concerning Oleksy is built Rabbi Hecht, in remarks that around his past social contacts

In a speech Wednesday Walesa of trying to force him to

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"I will not give in to black-Walesa and his supporters were trying to destabilize the country before the inauguration of Mr.

"What has been done demonstrates that state security may be threatened, but by those who cannot leave their posts in Mr. Walesa, who has to give a dignified fashion.

aid on Israel Radio. leaders and top judges late statement: "The cabinet does was cleared up: Israeli officials pledged to Tuesday to say he had been not share the view about there Mr. Walesa, w

World Bank Denies Charge The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The World Bank denied Wednesday charges by the human rights activist Harry Wu that political prisoners were being forced to work on a major bank-funded agricultural project in remote western China.

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"Information received from mail," he declared, saying Mr. the interior minister and degrounds to accept such a standpoint and the adoption of any particular measures," it said.

The pro-Walesa foreign, de-

fense and interior ministers dissented from the cabinet's judgment, and Mr. Walesa left the Mr. meeting in silence.

day, the government said in a from his office until the issue sia's Choice, headed by a for-

over Communist rule in 1989. prime minister of the Soviet lost last month's elections to Mr. Oleksy's close ally, Mr. the Congress of Russian Com-Kwasniewski, the head of the Democratic Left Alliance that General Alexander Lebed, and is part of the ruling coalition.
The speaker of the lower

house of Parliament, Jozef Zych, said Mr. Kwasniewski's swearing-in ceremony, which Mr. Walesa has said he will not attend, would go ahead as planned on Saturday.

RUSSIA: Yeltsin Is Firm

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and the reformist party Yabloko with 7.27 percent. So far, none of the other parties has crossed to enter the Parliament.

The commission said counting was almost complete in the 225 individual districts. Among them, 77 winners were independents; 57 were nominated by the Communist Party; 20 by Oleksy said.

And after the two-bour emergency cabinet meeting TuesThe main opposition party, the Agrarian Party; 14 by the Union for Freedom, called Yabloko; 10 by Mr. Chergency cabinet meeting Tueson Mr. Oleksy to step down nomyrdin's party; 9 from Rusas cleared up: mer deputy prime minister, Mr. Walesa, who led the Sol-Yegor T. Gaidar, 8 by the Pow-

idarity trade union to victory er to the People bloc of former Union Nikolai Ryzhkov; 5 from the others from smaller parties. The winners include 93 incumbents and seven members

of the upper chamber, the Federation Council, Interfax said. Two party leaders who did poorly, General Lebed and the former Russian vice president, Alexander V. Rutskoi, told Reuters that they suspect

sults. However, international monitors said they did not see any systematic falsification. At the same time, some Westem observers have questioned why the count is taking so long. management on the Korean Russian officials are using a computerized system which is not entirely finished but which is being readied for use in next

June's presidential contest. ■ Yeltsin Assures Kohl

cellor Helmut Kohl of Germany by telephone that the new Duma would conserve the "mood for reform" and that he would establish "constructive cooperation" with it, Reuters reported running for three months.

who expects to have no seat in any alarming change in North the new Duma, said the Com- Korean behavior. munists risked creating "a real mess" in the run-up to June's presidential election.

To avoid splitting the liberal vote for the presidency, Mr. Gaidar said his Russia's Choice alyst in Seoul said Pyongyang uled for months to take part in supplies he raised through an party would probably bow out. was simply continuing a pro- exercises, but that the move-

BOSNIA: NATO's Turn as UN Flags Come Down Lieutenant General Michael Pale last May. The attack was a

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an often barbarous Serbian assault on a Bosnia whose sovereignty was recognized by very institution they

The strain this question placed on UN commanders in Bosnia was evident. General Francis Briquemont of Belgium declared before his premature departure that he did not even bother to read UN resolutions anymore.

Morillon of France abandoned called United Nations "safe ar- tenant General Rupert Smith

Another UN commander, the Bosnian Serb stronghold of war was ended.

Rose of Britain, fell back on the disaster. Several hundred UN mantra that the United Nations peacekeepers were seized by could not "cross the Mogadishu line" — that is, get involved in a conflict in the same way as

UN forces had in Semalia 🗧 There were achievements to bolster such attachment to the status quo. Food was delivered war did not spread. The truce

his cloak of neutrality to go to of UN weakness remained: the tral peacekeeping and the re-the rescue of Srebrenica in early continued Serbian encir- peated Serbian flouting of UN

tween Muslims and Croats was with artillery were deployed successfully policed. But an overwhelming image

1993, a gesture that saved the clement of Sarajevo. lives of thousands of Muslims It was essentially in an atfor two more years and led to tempt to break this siege and to bombardment of the Serbs from the establishment of the so- show UN resolve that Lieu- NATO planes and UN artillery.

the Serbs as hostages, and the air strikes had to be called off after two days.

But, from this demonstration of faithre, some semblance of together. Peacekeepers who to about 2.7 million people, al- were vulnerable to Serbian beit with great difficulty. The hostage-taking were withdrawn, making NATO air power a credthat ended the 1993 war be- ible threat at last. Ground troops

near Sarajevo. In the end, torn between neuauthority, the United Nations went to war. That war involved With the support of newly agcalled in NATO air strikes near gressive U.S. diplomacy, the

KOREA: A Menacing Winter on the Peninsula

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charges, North Korea might

gamble that Seoul is unstable and ripe for attack. Kwon Young Hae, chief of the Agency for National Se-

widespread rigging of the recurity Planning, told the Na-tional Assembly last week: 'Sometime between this winter and next spring will be the Mr. Kwon said that North

Korea had recently moved 420 warplanes and helicopters toward the Demilitarized Zone, cutting their flight time to Seoul to as little as six minutes. He Mr. Yeltsin assured Chan- said North Korea, at the expense of its civilians' rations, had stored enough rice, oil, medical supplies and other goods in 200 underground bankers to keep the military

Others say those contentions But Mr. Gaidar, the reformist are true, but they do not signal

in the military sense that creates a major problem," a Western diplomat here said.

The aim, they said, is to reduce the warning time South was possible that North Korea Korea and the 37,000 U.S. was using the military activity

Korean War, it has slowly

troops stationed here would to draw more foreign aid from most dangerous period in crisis crementally, with no single for help in recent months. movement large enough to provoke a response from Seoul or Washington.

Despite the warnings from South Korea, the Western analysts said the North has done nothing unusually aggressive in the two months since the political turmoil began in Seoul. They said North Korea conducts annual winter military exercises, and that the movement of planes and troops was pre-

Press reports in South Korea have suggested that the U.S. aircraft carrier Independence would be sent from its base in Japan to the seas near the Komight of its adversaries.
U.S. officials said that was

He and a veteran military an- Independence had been sched-

cess that it has been building on ment had nothing to do with the for years. Since the end of the current situation. Still, observers agreed that

moved troops and equipment North Korea must be watched closer and closer to the border. closely this winter. Mr. Kil, the columnist, said it was possible that North Korea

have if the North decided to an international community invade. Pyongyang does it in- that has largely ignored its pleas "They probably realize that the only card they can play is the military threat to draw international attention," he said.

They may be saying, 'If you

don't care about us, who knows what we will do. At least one report out of Pyongyang paints a much less bleak picture of the food supply than a report released this week by the United Nations. While the

serious damage inflicted by last summer's floods is indisputable. one person who recently toured the worst-hit areas said the country is recovering quickly. "I did not see any hunger or malnutrition when I was there," There is nothing happening reas, to remind the North of the said Bernard Krisher, an Amer-

ican who lives in Tokyo and who spent two weeks in North not accurate. They said that the Korea in late November delivering \$25,000 worth of relief

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GIFTS: There'll Be No More Green Christmases for the U.S. Congress

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pretty slim. Senator John W. Warner, Republican of Virginia, got half a bushel of peanuts, while the House Ways and Means Committee got cashews. Mark Thiessen, a Senate Foreign Relations Committee off to charities. Mr. Warner sends his to this a legal "three-fer," because Mr. Levin spokesman, swiped a box of cookies from the annual RJR Nabisco care package, and

'interns got the rest," he said. "It's worse than in previous years," acknowledged Representative Jose E. Serrano, Democrat of New York, eyeing his my popularity." Mr. Serrano got a glass Michigan, one of the architects of the Sen-cheese spread.

mug filled with candy from the Beer Institute, a pocket calendar, 10 frozen yours — thawed, unfortunately — from cooked in a farm kitchen here in the most toffee, but I forget from whom."

Most lawmakers shunt the bigger items Virginia homeless shelters.

Ameritech, one of the midwestern "Baby Bells" is sending Christmas cards saying it plans to make a charitable contribution in eu of gifts, a spokeswoman said. In the future, lawmakers might take their

Haagen-Dazs, and "a little box of almond of northern Michigan's renowned fruit-

A spokeswoman for Mr. Levin called paid for the jam and it was cheap, made in Michigan and a foodstuff.

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynibal Democrat of New York, sent Mr. Levin satchel of New York honey, and the Senate majority whip, Trent Lott, Republican of meager take. "I hope it's not a reflection on lead from Senator Carl Levin, Democrat of Mississippi, dropped off some jalapein

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HEALTH/SCIENCE

By Brenda Fowler

New York Times Service

world's oldest known human-flesh re-

grown south of the spot where he died.

northern Italy and had probably made his home there. A grain of domesticated

wheat clinging to his fur clothing in-dicated that he had had contact with

civilization, which in those days would

In the last year, studies of the Iceman,

as the body is known, have moved

beyond his accounterments to his flesh.

His guardians at the University of Inns-

bruck in Austria, where he is being preserved at glacial temperature and

humidity, have at last opened up the

corpse itself to research. Using spe-

cially designed titanium instruments

that leave no trace elements, doctors

have snipped off tiny samples from the

man's shrunken organs and tissues and

delivered them to scientists in Europe

and the United States for studies that are

slowly building answers to the ques-

have been a small farming village.

on the man and his environment.

EW YORK — It was four

years ago that a vacationing

German couple happened

Pushing Limits of Science

By Lawrence K. Altman

AN FRANCISCO — Why do researchers ments are doomed to failure?

that as the 15th anniversary of tal baboon bone marrow transthe discovery of AIDS nears, many doctors are as frustrated as patients by the lack of more effective treatments for the disease, and are therefore joining their patients in pushing the limits of treatment.

The best example of such a collaboration is the recent ex- prevent it perimental transplant of baboon bone marrow into Jeff Getty, a the experiment succeeds. Mr. Getty worked as a partner with Pittsburgh who designed and conducted the experiment.

It is hard to imagine anyone who was better informed of the risks of an experiment that he chose to enter than Mr. Getty. He has no formal training in science, but he has learned invited scientists.

more immunology than many doctors in his efforts to over-learned the stuff," Mr. Getty come 15 years of infection with HIV, the AIDS virus.

Mr. Getty has exhausted all and willing patients standard and other experimen-test the boundaries of tal alternatives for AIDS. And medical science when they are he has battled with scientists vestigator of the baboon bone told by friendly and sometimes and government bureaucracies marrow experiment, said in an hostile critics that the risks are to speed development and testso daunting that the experi- ing of novel AIDS therapies. me better scientific questions For more than two years, he Part of the answer may be campaigned for the experimenplant that, after many delays, he received here last week.

It is an experiment that Dr. Hugh Auchincloss of the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, reflecting the views of other experts, has said "will probably hasten his death, not

But the decision was Mr. Getty's, Dr. Auchincloss said. 38-year-old AIDS activist who Mr. Getty, who is in isolation in will probably die of AIDS, but a room at San Francisco Genwhose life may be prolonged if eral Hospital, knows the prevailing medical opinion. But he also knows that medical history a team of researchers at the Uni- is full of examples of surprises versity of California at San made by doctors and patients Francisco and the University of who defied the word of leading

For years, he studied immunology textbooks and jour-nals. He attended scientific meetings. And his group of AIDS activists organized weekly tutorials where he listened to said in an interview.

Dr. Suzanne T. Ildstad, a transplant surgeon and immunologist at the University of Pittsburgh who is a chief ininterview. "Sometimes he asks than my colleagues."

FTER Mr. Getty learned that Dr. Ildstad was planning to use a novel technique that she had developed in Pittsburgh to do a baboon bone marrow transplant, he was the first to volunteer. Then he participated in discussions of the proposal at many scientific meetings without letting on that he was a candidate.

'Just the whole concept of fighting keeps Jeff going," said Dr. Steven Deeks, another principal investigator. "When he is fighting, it energizes him probably better than any medication

Today's standard practice was yesterday's experimental therapy, and the advances are often made possible by courageous patients, who open the door a crack to better the lives of those who follow. Such patients are the silent heroes of

> tions about the man's life and death. In September, Dr. Werner Platzer, the Innsbruck anatomist who oversees preliminary findings showed the man's stomach was empty when he died. But his large intestine contained considerable amounts of material.

"That means he had probably not eaten for eight hours," Dr. Platzer said in a telephone interview. The finding, which had been predicted by radiologists' interpretations of CAT scans, son Cancer Center in Houston. "It's hinted that the man may have been my opinion that it would take signif- arrested his growth. Examining X-rays hungry and weak when he died. A icant force to do that, and I can imagine of the man's shinbone, Dr. Seidler and

hypothesis that has strong support among scientists is that he died of hypothermia after being surprised by one of the sudden snowstorms that come up on the Hauslabjoch, the 10.500-foot (3,200-meter) pass over

Iceman's Body Yields Secrets of His Life

across a well-preserved the main ridge where he was found.

body lying face-down in a slushy pocket of a glacier in the Italian Alps. Since had not been in perfect health. Dr. this chance discovery of what turned Andrew Jones, an environmental arout to be a 5.300-year-old corpse, the chaeologist at the Archaeological Resource Centre in York, England, idenmains, scientists and archaeologists tified the eggs of a parasitic whipworm have teased out remarkable information in a small sample from the man's colon. The preliminary results do not reveal how severe the infestation was, A bit of ember he carried to restart his campfire was from a tree likely to have and Dr. Jones could not say whether the parasites caused the man any discom-That evidence suggested he was on his way from the fertile Venosta Valley in

Another potential vulnerability ap-peared in the man's lungs, where Dr. Raul J. Cano, a microbiologist at the California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, recently found a fungus called Aspergillus, most likely the species fumigatus.

"I know that Aspergillus has been associated with lung disease, but we have no reason to believe he died of anything other than natural causes, said Dr. Cano, who isolated the DNA of the fungus. And last year doctors found that the lungs were as black as a smoker's, probably a result of living in a shelter with an open hearth.

ISCUSSION of what caused the man's death has been complicated from the start by X-rays that show five broken ribs on his right side. Radiologists are unable to determine whether these fractures occurred before the man's death, under the weight research on the body, announced that of the glacier or during the rough re-

> "There are so many rib fractures, they're angled, the chest is severely decreased in diameter, and the posterior ribs are dislocated from the said Dr. William A. Murphy Jr., the head of diagnostic imaging at the University of Texas M.D. Ander-





that force from the weight of ice."

Nedden, his Austrian colleague, believes the question will soon be laid to rest. That keeps alive the theory of Dr. Konrad Spindler, the University of Innsbruck prehistorian who proposed that the man had been involved in a fight in his village then fled into the mountains where he succumbed to his injuries.

There are, indeed, signs that the man's life had not been easy. Dr. Horst Seidler, an anthropologist at the University of Vienna, said the man may have lived through episodes of extreme hunger, illness or metal poisoning that

his colleagues found 17 Harris lines, But neither he nor Dr. Dieter zur thin layers of bony material that form in the hollow of a bone when growth stops. They calculated that severe disturbances occurred in the man's 9th, 15th and 16th years. "Possibly this had to do with periods of hunger in the transition between seasons," Dr. Seidler said. One of Dr. Seidler's next projects is to

compare tissue samples from the Iceman with those of the 500-year-old Peruvian girl whose discovery on an Andes mountain was announced in October.

'These two finds were conserved in the same condition." said Dr. Seidler, who was recently in Peru. "This is the first time we've had material with

IN BRIEF

High Blood Pressure em avian brooding behavior more Dead Sea Scrolls has be-**And Memory Loss**

CHICAGO (Reuters) -High blood pressure left untreat-ed in midlife appears to cause memory loss later, a link that Dead Sea Scrolls: should serve as a health care warning as the population ages,

international researchers report. A team led by researchers from Erasmus University Medical School in the Netherlands found that for every increase of 10 points of systolic blood pressure, there was at least a 7 percent greater risk of diminished cognitive skills. A systolic blood pressure of 140 or less is considered normal in middle-aged

"As the elderly population in the United States is expected to double by the year 2030, the number of persons with reduced cognitive function will the study author, Dr. Lenore Launer, wrote in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Launer was joined by researchers from Kuakini Medical tional Institutes of Health in test- obesity, diabetes and hyperactivity. ing the mental skills of 3,735 Japanese-American men who

Another Link Found

precursor of the modern bird.

hind limbs are folded on each quences ported in Nature Magazine.

evolved long before the origin of modern birds," Dr. Morell and his colleagues concluded.

The Hunt Continues

gun as teams of volunteers shoveled earth out of four newly discovered manmade caves.

The first scrolls were found not far from the caves in 1947 by a shepherd and helped shed light on the origins of Christianity. An archaeologist from QUMRAN, Israeli-Occupied Bar Ilan University found the West Bank (AP) — The hunt for four caves this summer.

Dispelling Some Myths About Sugar Perils

By Lawrence G. Proulx Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — Ribbon fudge. Rum balls and fruitcake. "Sugar is sweet and so are you." That's a common message in the holiday season.

But as you reach for the gingerbread Center in Hawaii and the Na- the dietary ticket to such myriad ills as searchers estimated.

worry so much about those sugar plums had participated in the Honolulu that dance in your head. In recent years, Heart Program begun in the sugar has undergone something of a 1960s. The average age was 78. reevaluation. While researchers still urge moderation, most say that as long as you're eating a balanced diet and Dinosaurs and Birds: maintaining a wholesome body weight, sugar is not a major health concern.

Dennis M. Bier, a professor of pe-LONDON (Reuters) — A diatrics at Baylor College of Medicine fossilized dinosaur found incu-bating its eggs has offered the of the official Dietary Guidelines Admost graphic evidence yet of visory Committee, summarized the comhow they may have been the mittee's conclusions this way: "In an otherwise nutritionally healthy diet . . . The specimen, a superbly pre- there is no evidence that sugar intake served Oviraptor, was found un- within a fairly broad range, that is, the der sand in Mongolia, crouched range that most Americans are likely to from a cookie or a slice of bread," Ms. on a nest of at least 15 eggs. Its consume, has any profound conse-

side of the nest like the brooding
posture of the modern bird.
Mark Morell of the American

Official figures are difficult to sort
out but one Food and Drug Administration study estimated that Americans

keep in the sugar bowl to add to coffee, candy. Mince pies. Dark put on cereal or make cinnamon toast. But sugar is also the basic fuel for

both plant and animal life, and in the form of glucose it is carried by the blood to all the cells of our bodies. When the But as you reach for the gingerbread sugar that is naturally present in such one more time, you may remember the basic foods as milk, fruit and vegetables warnings from seasons past when nu- is included, our average intake comes to tritional naysayers condemned sugar as about 31/3 ounces a day, the FDA re-

Now, it seems, you may not have to anyone's diet, but their bad reputation ogy," she said, the main effect of eating may be outdated. To help you get a lot of sugar [or other carbohydrate] is through this candy cane season, here's what the latest science says about sugar.

At the same time, in those who have a Myth: Sugar Causes Diabetes

association. Blood sugar can be affected by any carbohydrates — not just refined sugar. They are all converted by the Myth: Sugar Causes Acne body to glucose, so "it's not sugar per se that elevates blood sugar... By the time that glucose molecule enters the bloodstream, the body doesn't know if it came Reehe said.

Myth: Sugar Is Fattening Not necessarily. "We question this notion of a sweet tooth," said Adam Drewnowski, director of the Human Nu-

WHAT THEY'RE READING

thousands of other foods. As a separate attractive and it does have calories. But the Journal of the American Medical sweetener, the fine crystals are what you more troublesome is the fact that sugar is Association. often coupled with high-fat foods, and Dr. Drewnowski and other researchers argue that excess fat as more likely to cause health and weight problems.

Myth: Sweets Give You a Sugar

We've done studies evaluating this idea that sugar produces a high, the socalled sugar buzz," said Bonnie Spring, a psychology professor at the University of Health Sciences at the Chicago Med-Sweets shouldn't be the main part of ical School. "Contrary to the mythol-

deficient supply of serotonin, sugar can It doesn't. And the American Diabetic Association says it's no longer taboo for diabetics to eat sugar. "We removed the restriction on sugar because there was no withdrawal, premenstrual syndrome and scientific evidence to back it up," said carbohydrate food craving, Dr. Spring Christine Beebe, a vice president of the said. "With people who show signs of a

> To our knowledge at this point in time we have no known scientific association between sugar and the occurrence of acne [or] chocolate and the occurrence of acne," said Robert E.

into soft drinks, candy, cookies and by eating too much sugar, after all it is ical literature published last month in

'Sugar does not affect the behavior or cognitive performance of children." the report concluded. Although it did allow that "a small effect of sugar or effects on subsets of children cannot be ruled out," the report's principal author said that several of the studies had been aimed specifically at children whose parents considered them sensitive to

Sugar.

"Even in studies that tried to stack the deck with children who were sensitive to sugar, we didn't find any effect," said Mark L. Wolraich, chief of the division of child development at Vanderbilt Uni-

Myth: Sugar Causes Tooth Decay You'd think that even if the whole world gave its approval to sugar, the West will grab the lead with an dentists could still be relied on to disace as soon as he has the chance, agree. But nothing is certain these days. and will cash the heart ace. Then Even Ken Burrell, senior director for the the heart jack will drive out the Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Dental Association, was non-

chalant on the subject. It's not that sugar isn't involved in tooth decay — it certainly is — but Dr. West's opening bid virtually West Burrell said that what's important is guarantees that he has all three how often and how long the teeth are exposed to sugar. "Compared to 20 to win the first trick with the Pass years ago," he said, "we are less speheart king and work on diawest Clark, director of dermatologic surgery at Duke University Medical Center.

Myth: Sugar Makes Children Hy
reduce snacking." That limits the teeth's exposure to decaying acids pro-

By Alan Truscott

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worth the risk to your clients. Jim Rogers, who made "millions" (as he puts it) as a Wall Street fund manager and retired

his literary endeavors, howev- Philippines." er, this account of a two-year

reader very rich. The first hundred or so China, then west through

"I realized as we came down out of the mountains and onto though making a great discovery, "how often borders fol-lowed geographical features and changes such as rivers, mountains, lakes, deserts."

counseling in one sense: If Central Asian republics were you're going to do it, you have the number of Muslims," to do it well in order to make it Rogers adds somewhat later. hastening to suggest that everyone would be surprised. "In America we tend to think Muslims are a people centered in the

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pages, which take Rogers and When he gets to China, time, the adventure of a life-philosophy, though what his friend, Tabitha Estabrook. Rogers continues to share his time, with professional obser-Rogers often does well is link east across Central Asia and putatively deep knowledge of vations of local economies and that philosophy to concrete ilhistory and the world. His quick a search for investment oppor- lustrations. Siberia, are so full of astonished analysis of the Tiananmen tunities. banality that the account nearly Square student demonstrations And so, as he and Estabrook simply unavailable, the way it Town. becomes a parody of itself. One in Beijing in 1989 reveals him roar through countries on their had been cheap and hard to get roblem is that Rogers's writ- as a man who does not know BMWs. Rogers expaniates on in Siberia and Russia," Rogers ing is unexceptional and pedes- that he does not know. When he economic conditions, more of- remarks after several failed attrian. Another is that he is overimpressed by the depth of his insights.

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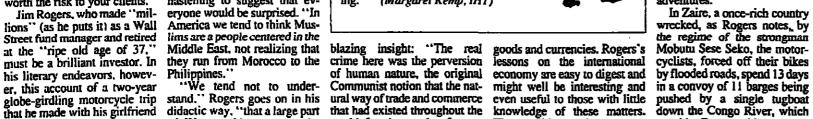
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 David Hockney, the artist, is reading "The Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future

in Space," by Carl Sagan.
"Sagan has fascinated me for a long time, and I have made pictures about his work. I find his views on perspective, reality and the infinite possibility of man's existence very excit-(Margaret Kemp, IHT)



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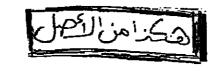
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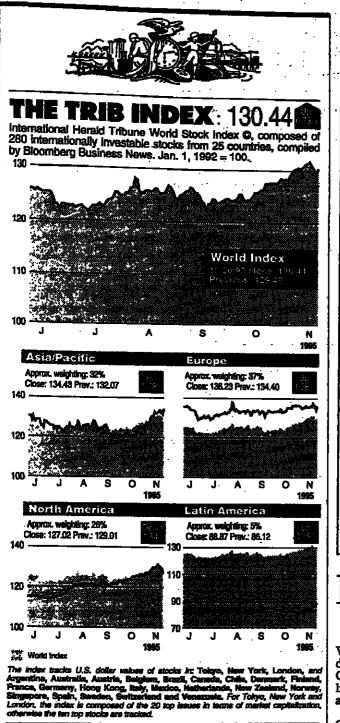
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Investment Coup Rattles Prague Young Raiders Quietly Cash In on Loose Regulation

By Peter S. Green Special to the Herald Tribune

PRAGUE — They call themselves the Boys," but what they have done is

In a few weeks of wheeling and dealing 30s have assembled a financial empire valued at around \$3 billion. In doing so, they have brought some of the country's leading financiers to their knees and made themselves into the Czech Republic's first home-grown corporate raiders.

What they did was raid at least six of the country's largest investment funds and take control of two of its largest private banks in the largest takeover bid the Czech Republic has seen.

Their self-described guerrilla tactics have shaken up the sleepy Czech market and shown how its lack of transparency and loose regulation are letting a few bold players amass huge stakes. But, brokers say, their tactics are also scaring small Czech investors and large foreign buyers

away from the Czech capital markets.

Their moves have "underlined the deficiencies" in the current system and the importance of disclosure to "the people who so far ignored it — the government," said Professor Josef Koutrba, an economist

at Charles University in Prague. The Boys are mostly mathematics and engineering graduates of top Czech universities who have learned their trade in the few hectic years of the Czech capitalist revival.

They say they have helped launch a "third wave" in Czech privatization, colafter a year of quietly buying shares, these lecting dispersed small shareholdings in-half a dozen Czechs in their 20s and early to blocs large enough to exercise management control in the target companies and proceed with the difficult business of restructuring them. Their aim, they say, is to build a Czech-owned financial and industrial empire. "Foreigners are get-ting their stakes in our strategic industries now. The cash is very important for the liquidity of our whole group," said Radek Peleska, 27.

Jan Dienstl, 25, said his associates only did what everyone else in the Czech mar-ket should have done: "We just bought shares which were undervalued. don't know why no one else did it."

But others say the Boys have done little but strip investment funds of their best

"I don't believe that they are trying to build an industrial group," Mr. Koutrba said, "To me it seems like a series of speculative moves on the market. They were just looking for whoever has a lot of money and would pay a lot of money to

After the Boys attacked the Agrobanka investment fund, for instance, its netasset value dropped 24 percent.

Mr. Dienstl conceded that the Boys used "guerrilla" tactics but said stealth was vital to their success. "OK, we should have been above board about it, but there are no standard rules here," he said. He insisted they did nothing illegal

and, contrary to local press reports, are not laundering money. Whatever the origin of their money and

their ultimate intentions, the Boys have gotten very rich, very quickly, have had a major impact on the Czech market and could not have done it in a more regulated market.

Conceived over a year ago, their plan was dubbed "Project Funds," and it went to the heart of the Czech economic success: the mass privatization give-away that handed shares in formerly stateowned enterprises to 6.5 million of the country's 8 million adults.

Many Czechs hold their shares through sleepy investment funds whose cautious approach meant the funds held were often worth far more than shares in the funds themselves were. By buying fund shares on the open market, a smart investor could shake up the funds and get rich, or

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Polygram Buys Rights to Film Library

NEW YORK — Polygram NV said "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "How Wednesday its film unit had agreed to buy for the Holidays" and "French Kiss." distribution rights to the Samuel Goldwyn Co. film-and-television library for \$62 million and the assumption of unspecified assets and liabilities.

The acquisition is a key move for Poly-Gram, which is seeking works to feed the worldwide distribution network it is building. A strong library provides cash flow to smooth earnings from PolyGram's movieproducing assets, which include Interscope Communications, Island Pictures, Propaganda Films and Working Title.

Michael Kuhn, president of Polygram Filmed Entertainment, said the deal meant PolyGram's film catalog "is reaching a very significant size" that complements its new film production activities.

Among recent Polygram films have been foreign theatrical distribution operations.

'Four Weddings and a Funeral,' "Home The Goldwyn film library contains mon

Polygram, which is 75 percent owned by Philips Electronics NV, saw its shares rise 3.60 guilders, to 85.10 (\$52.92) on Wednesday. The shares had slipped 8.30 guilders on Tuesday after the company warned that a lack of hit pop albums and movies would cause its 1995 profit to re-

Samuel Goldwyn Co., based in Los Angeles, was reportedly near a sale of the per. company this summer to Turner Broadcasting System Inc., but those discussions broke off when Turner agreed to be acquired by Time Warner Inc.

The Polygram deal does not include

The Goldwyn film library contains more than 850 movies including recent releases such as the Academy Award-winning "The Madness of King George" as well as 75 films from the legendary producer Samuel Goldwyn Sr.

The TV library includes over 700 episodes from such TV series as the original "Flipper" and "Gentle Ben" as well as the syndicated shows "American Gladand "The New Adventures of Flip-

Meyer Gottlieb, president of Samuel Goldwyn, said the deal would allow the company to restructure its bank debt and provide for the distribution of its library.

The company posted a loss of \$12.3 Samuel Goldwyn's chain of 52 theaters, its million on revenue of \$53.4 million in the projects in development and domestic and six months ended Sept. 30. (AP. LAT) manded payoffs before munic-years.

French Police Whisk Executive Off Airplane

fraud in a high-profile case, was arrested on Wednesday as he effort to reduce corruption. was trying to board a plane for the United States, adding intrigue to a widening anti-corniption sweep.

Authorities took Mr. Botton into custody at Charles de Gaulle Airport just hours before tination in the United States he was to be questioned in an influence-peddling case. Meanwhile. Martin

Bouygues, the chairman of the French construction group Bouygues, was released Wednesday after wednesday after spending more than 24 hours in police Set Deal to Tap spending custody for questioning into alleged illegal payoffs, a Arctic Oil Deposit Bouygues spokesman said.

Mr. Bouygues had been taken into custody on Tuesday af-

inant stake in the national TF1 television station, had been held for questioning about 2 French francs (\$403,500) allegedly paid to a Swiss bank account held by Mr. Botton, the son-in-law of Michel Noir, a former mayor of Lyon, according to the daily Le

Mr. Botton was convicted earlier this year of fraud, and Mr. Noir of receiving the proceeds of fraud. Both are free while appealing prison sen-

Mr. Noir was a cabinet minister who served in the conservative government of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac from 1986 to 1989, Mr. Chirac, now president, is not under investigation.

French political parties across the French concern had worked the spectrum commonly de- on the project for at least five

ipalities they controlled would PARIS - Pierre Botton, a award public works contracts, French businessman accused of and the laws on party financing

An investigating magistrate searched Mr. Bouygues's office in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, near Paris, on Wednesday, judicial authorities said. Mr. Botton's intended des-

(Reuters, AP, NYT)

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Total and Russia

Agence France-Presse MOSCOW - The French ter answering a summons from oil companyTotal SA on a judge.

Mr. Bouygues, head of the group that also owns a domposit in Russia's Arctic region.

Wednesday signed a major deal with Moscow to tap an oil deposit in Russia's Arctic region. posit in Russia's Arctic region. Total became the first European company to conclude a production-sharing agreement between a Russian operator and a single company, rather than a

> The Total project is currently expected to produce as much as 50,000 barrels of oil a day from a deposit that is located in the northern Nenets autonomous

consortium.

Investments are expected to reach \$300 million in the first development phase.

Russian Energy Minister Yuri Shafrannik used the occasion of the signing of the contract to sharply attack the French state for not supporting French companies that want to invest in Russia.

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Cathay Steps on China Partner's Toes

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HONG KONG — The mating dance ing the July 1, 1997 handover of between China and the old colonial hongs severeignty, analysts concerned about that once ruled this colony has never been easy or elegant. Toes are sometimes stepped on and ribs crushed in the awkward embrace that allows communism and commerce to sway to the same music.

Yet it is a dance that John Swite & Sons I m has long been praised for doing well, even as this British colony prepares to revert to Beijing's rule.

Until now, that is. Among the hongs, or trading groups, the Swite family-controlled business has probably moved more adventurously than most in seeking out mainland Chi nese business parmers and allies.

With Swire's Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. and the property company Swine Pacific Ltd. firmly rooted in Hong Kong, ventures with groups favored by Beijing represent an insurance policy against future interference and uncertainty.

But suddenly, after a rare public spat in the local press between the heads of Cathay Pacific and CITIC Pacific Ltd., a leading shareholder in the airline and an flights to mainland China and Asian desinvestment arm of the Chinese government, many here wonder if the premiums on that insurance are about to rise.

managing director, Rod Eddington, about unfair compension coming from China line for a stake in Dragonair. were greeted one day later by comments were greezed one day later by comme and a lot of from his counterpart at CITIC. Heavy whom it will come — is becoming a other foreign businesses around town."

sovereignty, analysts concerned about Swire Pacific's post-colonial future are asking, "Is this any way for a partners and so-called friends to act in public?" "I have no doubt China will want to

have a bigger stake in the aviation market going forward," said Declan Magee, an analyst with HG Asia Ltd. "With only 550 days to go before the handover, presre is not going to relent."

Cerrently John Swire & Sons controls

27 percent of Swire Pacific which, in turn, owns 52.6 percent of Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong's leading international airline.

But CITIC Pacific has 10.5 percent of

Carhay, as well as 5 percent stakes in the state-owned companies China Travel Service and China National Aviation Corp. CITIC is, in effect, Beijing's aviation holding company and the industry regulator at the same time.

Complicating matters, Cathay and Swire Pacific together own 43 percent of Dragonair, a Hong Kong-based airline that has profited in recent years from its tinations not served by Cathay. CITIC Pacific now owns 46.2 percent

of Dragonair, and China National Avi-Complaints from Cathay Pacific's ation, which hopes to create its own Hong

But how much of a stake - and from

Fan, that the end of Cathay's privileged position was overdue.

Given the rising tensions accompany
In an interview published Wednesday in

the South China Morning Post, CITIC Pacific's managing director, Henry Fan, warned Swire and Cathay Pacific "to wake up to reality and face competition." Mr. Fan said CITIC "took exception"

to comments by Mr. Eddington to the effect that Hong Kong would remain a oneairline city. He also described Swire Pacific's objections to China National Aviation Corp.'s attempt to establish a new airline in Hong Kong as "premature."

Swire Pacific and Cathay Pacific

moved quickly to douse the unusual public spat, contending that Mr. Eddington's comments were taken out of context and the matter clarified with CITIC.

But several analysts greeted the con-tretemps as a sign of the intense maneuvering underway in negotiations over Cathay's future role in Dragonair.

By threatening to start an airline that could compete head-to-head with Cathay Pacific on its international routes, China National Aviation may be squeezing Swire for a much larger stake of Dragonair than it had been prepared to give up.
"If they are allowed to compete on a

level playing field, it will limit Cathay's earnings and hurt Swire, but I think they would more than survive," said one analyst, who asked not to be named. "However, if China is going to start throwing political daggers around, that's a serious problem for Cathay Pacific - and a lot of

Socialist to Run French Rail Service

Le Floch-Prigent Seen Speaking Unions' Language

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Is this any way to run a railroad? Retirement at 50 for engineers. Lines so expensive it would be cheaper to close them and provide a collective taxi service. A 175billion franc (\$35.7 billion) deficit and a cost to the government next year of 38.5 billion

A new man stepped in on Wednesday to ittempt to get the French state railroad, Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français back on track after a 24-day strike by railway workers protesting government attempts to restructure the industry.

He is Loik Le Floch-Prigent, 52, who of the state gas concern; before that, he was chairman of Elf Aquitaine SA, then a statecontrolled energy company. One of the few avowed Socialists at the top of French industry, the bearded executive is referred to by detractors as "Pink Floch."

Although he has not been a favorite with previous right-of-center governments, Mr. further dismantling of the industry. One of the Floch-Prigent was one of the few captains of industry willing to pick up the poisoned chalice at the SNCF. Some commentators said that as a Socialist, he was considered the most capable of dealing with the militant railway workers, flush with victory in forcing the government to abandon pay for decisions imposed on the SNCF by nization that revolves around the client.

an attempt to curb their generous benefits. He succeeds Jean Bourgougnoux, who resigned last week after Prime Minister Alain Juppé attacked him for failing to establish a dialogue with the workers.

The strikers forced Mr. Juppé to abandon an assault on their privileges, including generous pension arrangements out of reach of the average French worker, and some of the highest pay and shortest hours of any railway workers in the European Union. Any future plan is likely to include mea-

sures to trim the deficit in other ways, by slashing operating costs, reducing invest-ments and possibly laying off part of the more than 180,000-person work force. Since the SNCF deficit is two thirds as big comes from a similar position as president as that of France's troubled social-security system, a radical restructuring of the railroad remains a priority, despite the temporary shelving of a restructuring plan under union pressure.

The unions say they have already paid their debt through 70,000 layoffs in the past decade and are not prepared to see any allegation by the General Confederation of Labor, or CGT, that the government was planning to cut 6,000 kilometers (3,600 miles) of local lines. The unions claim they are being made to

the government. For example, the government sees France's network of high-speed trains as an important factor in the nation's development and a technological showcase for French industry. But SNCF was made to pay for the network largely out of its own resources, which accounts not only for a large part of the deficit but for 14 billion francs a year in debt-servicing costs.

Jean Sivardière, president of the Na-tional Federation of Transport Users Associations, which represents passengers and consumers, said concentration on the high-speed network led the SNCF into failing to invest in the lesser-used regional lines or making the marketing effort necessary to increase local traffic.

Mr. Bourgougnoux had been at the head of the SNCF for only 18 months, after a 24year career at the state electricity company. France Telecom Ready to Retool

France Telecom's chief executive, Michel Bon, unveiled a plan Wednesday to reorganize the world's fourth-largest telephone company, preparing it for competition and a planned partial sale, Bloomberg Business News reported from Paris.

Mr. Bon, who took over as the stateowned company's chairman in September, plans to introduce decentralized management, use-linked pricing and an "orga-

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Business Groups In Japan Want Long Work Week The Associated Press

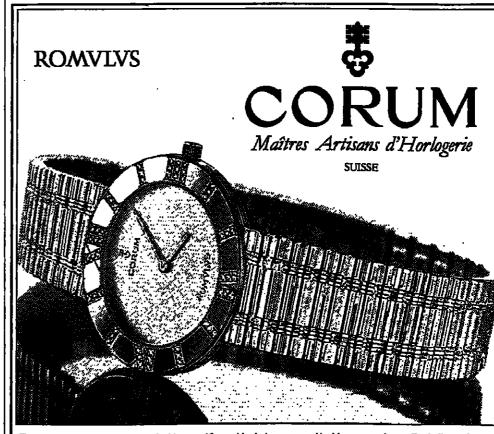
TOKYO - Four of Japan's

major business groups want the nation to keep its 44-hour work week for most companies, the longest among leading industrialized nations, the groups said Wednesday.

Japan's Parliament decided in 1993 to make the 40-hour work week universal starting in April 1997. But the four major business organizations said they have asked the Labor Ministry to delay the date. The government is encour-

aging shorter working hours to stimulate the economy by giving workers more time to spend their earnings. It also says it wants hard-working Japanese to enjoy an affluent lifestyle commensurate with the nation's wealth.

But the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and three other groups said that the country's economic slump made it difficult for small businesses to pay overtime, as a shorter week would require.



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Xerox to Unload Insurance Unit

people familiar with the situation said Wednesday.

Xerox to rid itself of its financial-services businesses

of 7.28 percent in Times Mirror Co.

the high end of analysts' current forecasts.

its work force, in an effort to cut costs.

production by 5 percent.

company earned \$1.37 billion.

BOSTON (Bloomberg) - Xerox Corp. is close to an agree-

ment to sell its property-and-casualty insurance business to the

Xerox will take a charge of almost \$1 billion because it is

investment firm Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. for \$2.2 billion.

selling the unit for less than its net worth, estimated at \$3.2 billion.

the people said. The sale would complete a two-year effort by

Quantum Partners LDC and Lupa Family Partners, in-

vestment funds controlled by George Soros, have acquired a total

•Goldman Sachs Group LP said it earned \$437 million before

taxes and payments to partners in its fourth quarter, compared with a year-ago loss of \$41 million; for the year ended Nov. 30, the

•USAir Group Inc. said its 1995 earnings were "likely to exceed

•Fruit of the Loom Inc. said it would take a fourth-quarter charge

of up to \$260 million, in part because of a previously announced

Polaroid Corp. is to eliminate 1,300 jobs, or about 10 percent of

•Chrysler Corp. is to increase North American truck production

by 17 percent, and cut car output by 16 percent, raising overall

restructuring: the charge will cause a loss for the year.

County Sues KPMG for \$3 Billion

The Associated Press

SANTA ANA, California — Orange County sued its former outside auditor Wednesday for \$3 billion, accusing KPMG Peat Marwick of failing to detect risks to investments that resulted in the biggest U.S. municipal bankruptcy.

The suit opens a second front in the county's battle to blame brokers and other professionals for a \$1.64 billion investment loss. The county already has a \$2 billion lawsuit pending against Merrill Lynch & Co., the main investment house used by Robert L. Citron, the former county treasurer. Merrill Lynch denied wrongdoing.

The new lawsuit said that Peat Marwick, which billed itself as knowledgeable about in municipal audits, was specifically asked to evaluate Mr. Citron's investments because internal county auditors lacked the know-how.

Peat Marwick, the second-largest U.S. accounting firm, denied wrongdoing and said the county was blaming others for its

and 1993 and had nearly completed its 1994 review when the county disclosed its huge investment losses and filed for bankruptcy protection on Dec. 6, 1994.

Despite many "red flags," the firm at no point warned that Mr. Citron had violated the state constitution and laws as well as his own investment guidelines by transforming a portfolio of taxpayer funds into "a massive wager on interest rates remaining low or falling further." the lawsuit said.

'This is a continuation of the county's pattern to blame others for their investment decisions," said John R. Miller, director of Peat Marwick's government consultancy He said investigations by a state Senate

grand jury have yielded no accusations of rongdoing against his firm. We're not financial advisers," Miller said. "Our role was to attest to the

committee, the state auditor and the county

financial statements of the county and ensure that they comply with generally accepted legislation.

Pear Marwick completed audits for 1992 accounting practices," he added. "I'm very comfortable with those disclosures."

The lawsuit against Peat Marwick was filed in Bankruptcy Court in Orange County. The \$3 billion claim combines losses on securities, interest payments on debt allegedly incurred in violation of state laws, and the huge costs of the resulting

bankruptcy and legal proceedings.

Among the defendants in the county's suit are Peat Marwick's chairman, Jon Madonna, and all partners and principals.

Other potential targets of county suits include bond law firms and financial advisers. "There no doubt will be more," said County Attorney J. Michael Hennigan

Another attorney for the county, Bruce Bennett, said the timing of the Peat Marwick lawsuit was not related to federal legislation designed to limit lawsuits over securities industry abuses. The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday overrode President Bill Clinton's veto of the

suppliers would make further shipments

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Deficit Standoff Brings in the Bears

NEW YORK -- Stock prices

dropped sharply late Wednesday on concern that a delay in balancing the budget could prevent interest rates from falling.

After staying in positive territory for most of the day, stocks plummeted 15 minutes

U.S. STOCKS

before the close of trading after resident Bill Clinton called off budget talks with Republican congressional leaders.

The budget talks stalled, the bond market sold off and we sold off," said Todd Clark, a trader at Rodman & Renshaw. It made everyone sober up.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished 50.57 points lower, at 5,059.32. But advancing issues outnumbered declining ones on the New York Stock Exchange by a 10-to-7 margin. Analysts said a late wave of computer-driven sell orders had turned the market down.

Stocks had gotten an early boost from bonds, which rose in response to a decision on Tuesday by the Federal Reserve Board's policy-setting Open Market Committee to cut the Mr. Raab retracted that statement on federal funds target for rates -Wednesday. He said two small suppliers the cost to big banks of borrowing from each other — by 0.25 percentage point. A number of large banks, including Citicorp, followed the Fed's action with cuts in the prime rate, which they charge to their best

> Bond prices slipped in the afternoon as the news from Washington named negative.

The price of the 30-year Treasury bond fell 12/32, to 110 4/32, pushing its yield up to 6.13 percent from 6.11 percent. the dollar because international investors selling U.S. securities often convert the

Referring to the stand-off between the White House and Congress, Joseph DeMarco, managing director of equity trading at HSBC Asset Management Americas, said: "The longer it goes on, it could turn into a financial problem."

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 5.99 points, to 605.94, while the Nasdaq com-

posite index, filled with companies that make computers and software, dropped 1.13, to

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1.025.27 Intel, the most active Nasdao issue, fell 1/4 to 551/4. Microsoft fell 31/4 to 871/8, Netscape fell 13% to 131 and Cisco Systems

dropped 41/4 to 74. IBM dissolved its Taligent software partnership with Apple and Hewlett-Packard. IBM will now control the project. with the other two companies retaining licensing rights. Hewlett-Packard stock dropped 1/8 to 83, IBM fell 21/2 to 891/8 and Apple fell 1/8 to 321/8.

Shares of drug, health, beverage and tobacco companies. so-called defensive issues. were among the worst performers throughout the day. The companies' steady earnings are more valued when the outlook for the economy has dimmed

Philip Morris stock dropped 31/2, to 861/8. Pfizer fell 11/4 to 611/2 and Coca-Cola shares dipped 3 to 74%.
Consumer stocks fell early on

expectations the economy would pick up after the rate cut. So-called cyclical companies that sell big-ticket items and others whose business is closely tied to the economy's health rose because they would normally profit most from a cut in interest

After the budget talks collansed, cyclical companies joined the consumer stocks' de- 🐪 American Healthcare Sys-

tems shares lost 55 percent of their value after the company said it expected to post losses for this quarter and the next. The company blamed acqui-

sition delays and higher-thanexpected expansion costs for the expected losses. The stock fell 71% to 61%. General Dynamics rose 1 to

61% after a federal judge ruled against the government in a case that could require the Pentagon to pay General Dynamics and McDonnell Douglas as much as \$1 billion each in a dispute over a Navy jet. (Bloomberg, AP)

Kmart Bond Agreement Staves Off Crisis

TROY, Michigan - Kmart Corp. said Wednesday it had reached an agreement with holders of \$548 million in debt and that it would extend the term of some of its revolving-credit facilities, giving the retailer breathing room as it attempts to re-

vive its struggling discount stores. The bond settlement eliminated the ability of holders of \$548 million of debt to sell back, or put, the bonds to Kmart if the company's credit rating fell below invest-

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against

most major currencies Wednesday as the

budget dispute between the President Bill

Clinton and Congress intensified and U.S.

The dollar benefited in early trading

from optimism that an agreement would

soon be worked out. But budget talks col-

lapsed later on Wednesday after Repub-

lican leaders refused to approve spending

necessary to end a partial government shut-

down until Mr. Clinton signed a balanced-

budget agreement.

AFX, AP, Boeing

stock and bond prices ceded early gains.

Kmart had said that if it had to buy back advises manufacturers on the creditwormore than \$100 million of the debt it would thiness of retailers, said Tuesday that default on its revolving credit. That could Kmart was late in payments and that its have forced it to file for bankruptcy protection. But, "bankruptcy concerns are all only if they were given cash on delivery or but eliminated in the near term," said Tim a letter of credit in advance. Patrick, a bond analyst at NationsBank. The No. 2 retailer in the United States

also eliminated its common-stock div- had been satisfied and that a larger supidend, a move that could save it more than \$220 million a year, the company said.

said payments were not 30 days late, as it had said Tuesday. Shares in Kmart closed Howard Raab, president of Park Avenue Transglobal Financial Services Inc., which at \$6, unchanged.

Budget Battle Holds Dollar Hostage

senior currency trader at Citibank. The dollar closed at 1.4368 Deutsche

marks, down from 1.4430 DM at the close on Tuesday, and at 101.725 yen, down from 102.00

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Against other currencies, the U.S. unit closed at 4,9405 French francs, down from 4.9565 francs, and at 1.1549 Swiss francs, down from 1.1580 francs. But the pound because of the budget impasse.

"The news about no budget deal gave the dollar a shove," said James Kemp, a Falling stock and bond prices can l Falling stock and bond prices can hurt

> dollar proceeds into foreign currencies. The dollar rose on Tuesday after the Federal Reserve Board cut its target for the federal funds rate, igniting an ascent in U.S. stock and bond prices. "It was positive for the dollar that the Fed lowered rates," said Dorit Ronnen, a currency trader for Bank Leumi Trust Co. in New York.

But that support was lost Wednesday

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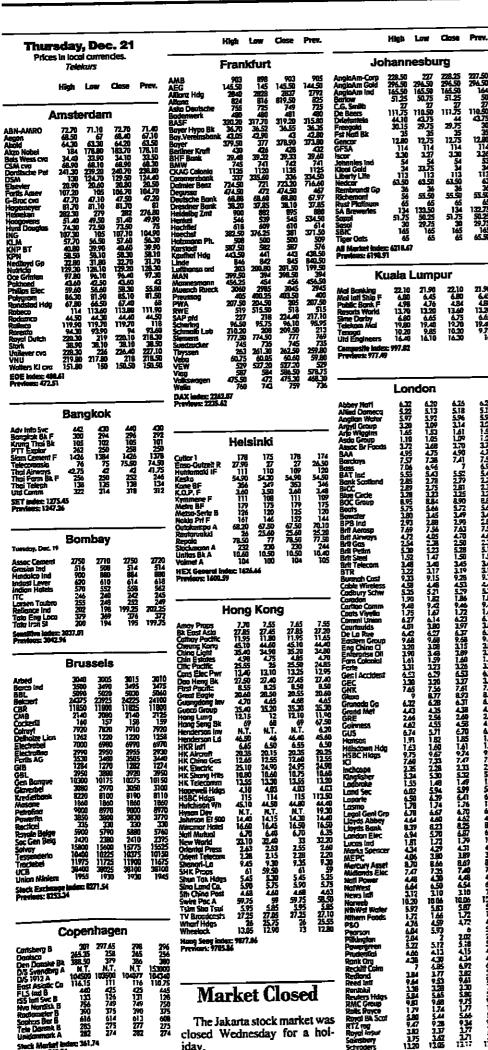
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The Associated Press AG said Wednesday that it annually starting in 1997, planned to cut 8,000 jobs in a Hoechst said. Of the 8,000 jobs far-reaching reorganization of to be eliminated, 1,400 are in its global pharmaceutical busi-

As part of the chemical company's plan to close more than half its 77 drug factories, Hoechst said it would close five plants in North America and its research facility in Cincinnati. Ohio. Hoechst said it had not decided which North American factories were to close.

Hanson Outlines £1.5 Billion Plan To Trim Its Lines

LONDON — Hanson PLC percent stake in the French drug on Wednesday announced three measures aimed at raising £1.5 rowing its range of businesses.

Hanson will offer shares in its 1995 and 1998. Suburban Propane Gas Corp. unit in the United States, put Cavenham Forest Industries Inc. Roussel research activities into - another U.S. subsidiary - up for sale and sell debt as part of its Romainville, plan to "concentrate on fewer, Somerville, New Jersey, and larger activities," Derek Bonham, its chief executive, said.

wants to focus on its chemical, consumer goods, energy, building materials and equipment interests, plans to raise £1 billion eases, oncology, and diseases of by selling Cavenham Forest, the central nervous system. which owns 1.75 million acres of U.S. timberland and a sawmill operator. It also plans to sell 62 percent of Suburban Propane through a public offering. It said the offer and a debt issue by Suburban should raise £500 mil-

Separately, Forte PLC, seeking to fend off a takeover bid from Granada Group PLC, said it had sold its Travelodge hotel chain to an American consortium led by Hospitality Franchise Systems Inc., which operates Howard Johnson hotels,

The steps were designed to FRANKFURT — Hoechst save the company \$800 million Germany, where 900 positions ness, Hoechst Marion Roussel. have already been lost through

> "Many of these steps are difficult, but they will enable us to compete successfully in global markets and to build a foundation for the future growth of Hoechst Marion Roussel," said Jean-Pierre Godard, that company's chief executive.

The consolidation follows Hoechst AG's acquisition of Marion Merrell Dow Inc. earlier this year, which led to the formation of Hoechst Marion Roussel Marion Merrell Dow is one of the largest drug producers in the United States, with sales of \$3.1 billion in 1994. Hoechst also owns a 56

maker Roussel-Uclaf SA. Hoechst said the restructurbillion (\$2.3 billion) and naring would cost the company about \$800 million between

> The company said it wouldconsolidate Hoechst Marion four main locations: Frankfurt; France;

Kawagoe, Japan. Hoechst said its research would henceforth Hanson, which has said it focus on eight areas: heart disease, metabolistic disorders. rheumatology and immunology, infectious diseases, bone dis-

■ Ifo Lowers Its Forecast

The Ifo Institute for Economic Researchon Wednesday cut its forecast for economic growth in Germany to 2.0 percent for 1995 and 1.75 percent for 1996, Reuters reported from

The economic institute had earlier predicted German growth of 2.25 percent for 1995 and 2.50 percent for next year. Ifo said the lower growth next year meant that unemployment would average 9.5 percent of the workforce. It had pre-(Bloomberg, Renders) dicted a rate of 9.2 percent.

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Europe's Air Fares Cling to Heights Winds of Change Barely Stir State-Owned Carriers

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON — Nearly three years after the European Union lifted most restrictions on the routes airlines could fly within Europe and on what they could charge, many air fares remain breathtakingly high, with many carriers remaining state-owned and only starting to cut operating costs.

Never is the contrast made more clear on the entrenched airlines.

While Europe's state-owned airlines struggle financially, EBA Express which started flying only last year — is already profitable and is adding new flights and destinations at low prices. The only real difference between it and the established major carriers is that EBA offers no meals and requires a day's notice of any change in reservations.

'Intra-European flights are too expensive," said Victor Hasson, managing director of EBA Express, which is owned market demand was there to make a nofrills, low-fare operation successful. We get people to fly where in the past they couldn't afford to fly."

Within Europe, though, innovative carriers such as EBA Express remain the exception. Few of the state-owned carriers have expanded to new routes, leaving travelers in many cases with a choice dards. Air France is a big question mark. the same high fares.

Only 7 percent of European routes that cross borders are served by more than two airlines, according to a recent study by Britain's Civil Aviation Authority.

A recent study by American Express found that fares within Europe were roughly twice as high as those for comparable distances in the United States.

Bloomberg Business News

Deutsche Telekom AG said Wednesday

they would pay \$850 million to raise their

stake in the Hungarian telephone company

The companies, through their Mag-yarCom venture, paid \$875 million in Dec.

1993 for the original stake in the first sale of

a stake in an Eastern European phone com-

Matav to 67 percent from 30 percent.

BUDAPEST — Ameritech Corp. and

not benefited as much as expected from to disallow them. more choice and lower fares," said Neil Kinnock, the commissioner in charge of transportation policy for the European Union and a former leader of Britain's

Labor Party.

Most fares within Europe, he said, are still "considerably above what could reasonably be justified by cost levels."

The high fares are evidence that Euthan when some upstart emerges to take ropeans have so far seen nothing like the upheaval that airline deregulation brought to the United States during the last two decades.

But with the EU scheduled to remove European routes in 1997, and a growing number of small but determined new carriers springing up to grab a piece of the busiest routes, the need to get into fighting trim and bring fares down is finally being taken seriously by Europe's big airlines.

There is no doubt that the stakes for them are high. Many analysts say that by City Hotels SA of Brussels. "The only four or so of the dozen biggest carriers will survive in their current form once deregulation is completed, throwing state-owned airlines into the rough-andtumble of the private sector.

Lufthansa and British Airways lead the list of those likely to prosper, as both of them have already been privatized and are considered efficient by worldwide stanamong only a few carriers, all charging as is Alitalia, and Iberia faces a bleak future in the view of many analysts.

The high-cost carriers have survived only with government aid. Iberia won approval from the European Union last week for \$705 million in new subsidies is in the middle of a \$4 billion government subsidy program. But the European Union has promised to crack performance.

Ameritech & Telekom Get Hungary Deal

"I am concerned that consumers have down on further subsidies and eventually

Unions representing airline employees, militantly protecting their pay and working conditions, are quick to strike, hurting service, reputation and profits. The strike-plagued Scandinavian Airline System said work stoppages had cost it about \$45 million in the first nine months of the year.

Governments, worried about being blamed for further job losses when unemployment across Europe is already high, have proved reluctant to push job cuts among state-owned carriers.

There are some big exceptions to the the remaining barriers to competition on trend. Britain, Ireland and Germany have gone much further than other nations in deregulating their domestic airline in-dustries and have pushed their airlines to become more competitive.

> British Airways has become Europe's most efficient carrier largely because it must compete with a well-established domestic competitor, British Midland, and a growing number of start-ups.
>
> Another British carrier, Virgin Atlantic

Airways, which now flies to the United States and Asia from London, is considering offering flights within Europe.

Even those airlines that have long enjoyed political and regulatory protection from their governments are now being forced to consider serious changes to sur-

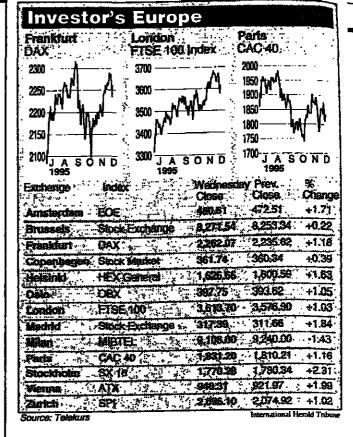
Despite a history of vehement opposition from its unions, Air France, for example, has proposed hiring new cabin crew members at lower pay than current employees, and its chairman, Christian Blanc, has sought to stimulate anenfrom the Spanish government. Air France trepreneurial management environment by breaking the company's operations into 11 units, each responsible for its own

stake in a venture with Ceske Radioko-

munikace AS, which will operate one of two

new GSM licenses in the Czech Republic.

GSM, or Global System for Mobile



Very briefly:

•Sodexho SA, the world's largest catering company, bought the Swedish service company Partena for 1.5 billion kronor (\$101.4) million) from Volvo AB and Industri Kapital AB.

•Cagiva SpA's chairman said the Italian motorbike company would sell a 50 percent stake in its Ducati motorcycle division to Sam Zell, the U.S. financier.

•The European Commission said it has extended the scope of its state-aid inquiry into Compagnie Générale Maritime SA. The investigation, which was launched in October, is to cover a further 1.125 billion francs (\$226.9 million) that is to be granted to its parent company.

•Walter Bau AG said it would lead a consortium to develop. build and operate a stretch of motorway in northern Lebanon on the road between Beirut and Tripoli. The contract is valued at \$450 million and construction is to begin in mid-1996.

• Renters Holdings PLC and Havas SA said they were setting up a venture to develop and market online information and transaction services for the European advertising and media market.

•The European Commission said it was considering fining Bayer AG, the German pharmaceutical and chemical company. for illegally restricting distribution of its heart disease drug

• Dresdner Bank AG said it would provide "extra explanatory details" on its 1995 results in an effort to improve transparency. but will not switch to international accounting standards until German law on the issue has been changed. The bank said it welcomed the greater openness in bank reporting in the wake of Deutsche Bank AG's switch to the standards.

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•Volvo AB said it was considering car production in the United The companies are seeking a 49 percent States but noted that this was not the only solution for improving the balance between dollar income and expenditure.

> •Calvin Klein Inc. said it reached agreement with Italy's Stefanel SpA to produce and sell the U.S. designer's CK Uomo and CK Donna clothes in the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

and a long-distance monopoly for eight

pany to foreign investors.

The venture is to get a 25-year concession for long-distance and local calls years. The deal, which is one of the largest privatizations to date in Eastern Europe,

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■ Tele Danmark Seeks Czech Deal ing in Hungary, where there are about 24 Tele Danmark A/S and Telenor Bedrift phone lines for every 100 people, compared AS of Norway agreed on Wednesday to submit a joint bid for a mobile-phone liwith a U.S. ratio of 60 lines per 100 people. Hungary has a population of about 10.4 million. There are about 524,000 pending cense in the Czech Republic, Bloomberg requests for telephone lines in Hungary. Business News reported from Prague.

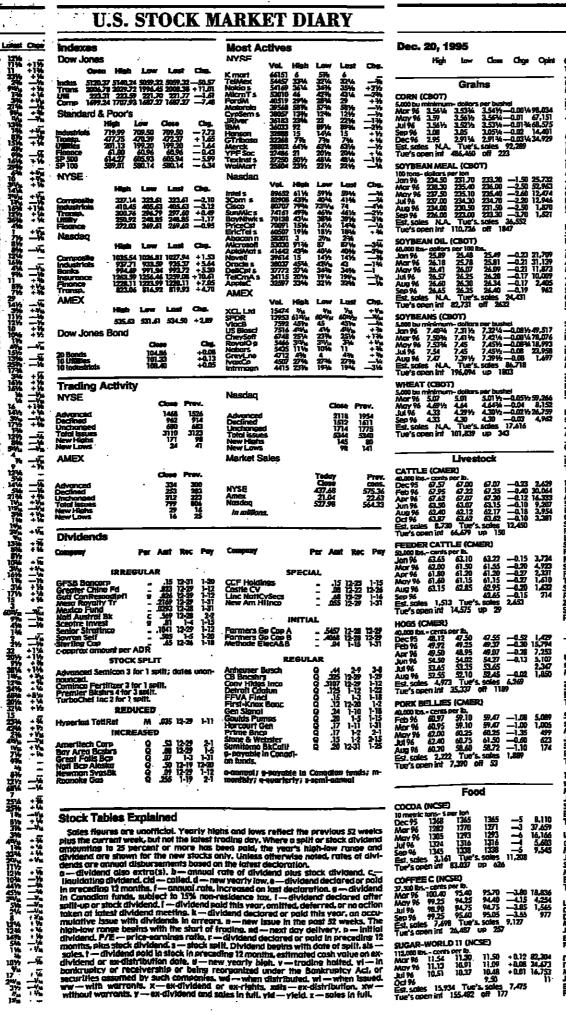
pressed demand," Mr. Catlow said. The government privatization agency will retain a 28 percent stake in Matav.

'Rarely do you have this kind of sup-

Other Matav shareholders include the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development, with about 2 percent, and Inter-

Telecommunications, lets customers use phones outside their home countries.

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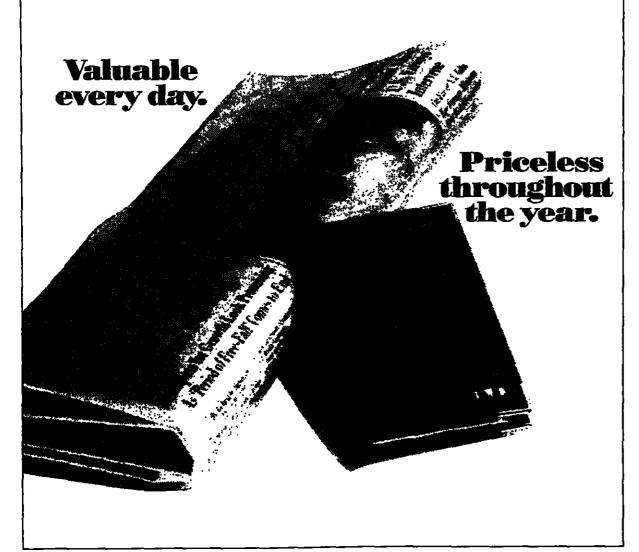
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Honda to Produce More Than Half Its Vehicles Abroad

said Wednesday it expected to from Japan to plunge 19.9 permake more vehicles abroad than cent, to 350,000, after a fall of in Japan next year, which an- 15.3 percent this year. alysts said would be a first for the

down 2.3 percent from 1994. ed production at its overseas gional headquarters. plants to climb 12.9 percent, to 996,000 vehicles, in 1996, the company had begun tech-Overseas production rose 12.1

percent this year. Industry analysts said it smallest jet engine. would be the first time that overseas production had ac-Japanese automaker's output.

A strong yen and fierce price competition are making Honda and other Japanese automakers expand production abroad, while those factors and a weak Japanese economy are restrain-

ing domestic output.

For example, Honda announced in Toronto on Tuesday hour (500 mph). that it would invest 300 million Canadian dollars (\$218.4 million) in a plant to produce a new minivan for the North American market. The expansion will double output at Honda's operations million) to build a transmission in Alliston, Ontario, by adding plant in the United States with an annual capacity of 120,000 ve- annual capacity of 300,000 hicles starting in 1998.

Honda is expected to hire 1,200 employees as part of the start in the spring of 1998. expansion, which the company said would bring its annual auto production in North America to 840.000 units.

Honda also forecast ac growth Wednesday for its auyear, predicting they would rise 14.5 percent, to 720,000 vecludes Honda cars made vehicles.

TOKYO - Honda Motor Co. its 1996 automobile exports

Honda's president. Nobuhiko Country's automobile industry.

Honda predicted it would begin manufacturing a new pasmake 975,000 vehicles in Japan senger-car model in Thailand in next year, unchanged from this the first half of 1996 with a year's estimated level and production goal of 60,000 a year. He said the company The company said it expect- hoped to make Bangkok its re-

Honda executives also said nical experiments on developing what it said would be the world 's

"We have no plans at the moment to mass-produce this counted for more than half of a engine, but we hope to apply some of the technology we learned here to automobile production," one executive said.

He said the company planned eventually to establish a business related to jet-engine production. Honda said the engine would be able to fly a plane at speeds up to 800 kilometers an

(AFP, Reuters, AFX) ■ Nissan Plans U.S. Plant

Nissan Motor Co. said it would invest 5 billion yen (\$49.2 annual capacity of 300,000 units. AFX News reported.

Nissan said production would

The automaker also said it expected its vehicle sales in million vehicles, in 1996 after a

7.7 percent increase in 1995. Nissan predicted Japan's tomobile sales in Japan next economy would gradually recover in 1996 and that domestic demand for autos excluding hicles, after growing 12.5 per-cent in 1995. The figure in-cent next year, to 5.4 million

Taxpayers Decry Bailout Japan Bank Stocks Gain but Public Wails

Bloombere Business News

TOKYO - Japan's decision to use public money to bail out seven insolvent housing loan companies is being applauded by stock investors and booed by taxpayers.

After long negotiations between the comgovernment, the Japanese Treasury on Tuesday said it would use 680 billion yen (\$6.67 billion) of taxpayer funds to pay off the debt.

The stock market cheered the news. Shares in banks, which until Tuesday thought they might have to shoulder some of the losses, rose nearly 2 percent on Wednesday, fueling a 1.61 percent gain in the benchmark Nikkei 225

"The jusen problem is finally coming to an Gamma Asset Management (Japan).

convincing because we are seeing figures." "This is a decisive step," he said. "We Japanese taxpayers — each of whom will hope that this will speed up progress in retribution to the bailout - were far less en-

"Are they joking?" asked Masayoshi Fukada, a 30-year-old elevator repairman. 'The decision was handed down from above. I would have preferred some sort of consultation with the public.' Further losses that have not yet been de-

(\$11.76 billion), or nearly 10,000 yen per taxpayer, said Yoshinobu Yamada, a bank from Tokyo. analyst at Merrill Lynch Japan.

Editorials in Japan's leading newspapers on Wednesday blasted the taxpayer bailout.

Mainichí Shimbun called it "a stupid plan that forces sacrifices on Japanese citizens" and Asahi Shimbun said it was "a reckless yen, setting another record.

breach of the standards of fiscal policy."
Large families will be especially hard hit.

"20,000 yen per family of four really hurts," said Etsuko Hinata, 49, a receptionist for a maintenance company in Osaka. "I listened to the prime minister's speech last night, panies, known as jusen, their creditors and the but I still don't understand why taxpavers have

The financial problems of the jusen began in the late 1980s when, lured by land prices that tripled between 1985 and 1990, they abandoned their traditional home-mortgage business to make loans to real estate developers and speculators.

Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Matsushita said the government's plan to help bail out Japan's troubled housing lenders would reend," said Satoko Wakebe, a fund manager at store global confidence in the U.S. financial

shoulder a 5.478 yen (\$54) bill as their con-solving the bad loan problem and lead to the stabilization of the financial system.' Mr. Matsushita urged that the government follow through as quickly as possible on its

pledged investigation to determine who was responsible for the failures. ■ Japan Budgets a Record Deficit

Japanese lawmakers traded accusations of clared uncollectible may eventually push the total cost of the bailout to 1.2 trillion yen government announced an annual budget with a record deficit. The Associated Press reported

> The draft budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1996, calls for a record 75.12 trillion yen in spending, up 5.8 percent from last year's initial budget. To help pay for it, the government will issue bonds worth 21 trillion

China Plans 3 Satellite Launches

BELIING -- China's commercial satellite-Japan to rise 7.1 percent, to 1.2 launching contractor said Wednesday it would ternational clients. send three foreign-owned satellites aloft in the next three months, building on the successful AsiaSat-2 launch last month.

"We are very confident about new launches," an executive of the state-owned China Aerospace Corp. said. "We made improvements to our Long March rockets, and their quality has been tested in the launch of AsiaSat-2.

The executive said the three satellites were

Echostar-1, built by Lockheed Martin and owned by Echostar Communications Corp. of the United States, is scheduled to become the first of the three when it is launched Dec. 28 on a Long March 2E rocket, said an executive of Great Wall Industry Corp., a subsidiary of China Aerospace. Echostar plans to use the satellite for a directto-home television service in America. Other

launches are set for February and March.

made either by Hughes Aircraft Co. or Lockheed Martin Corp. and were owned by various in-

Bajaj Woos Chrysler, Kawasaki

PUNE, India - Chrysler Corp. and Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan are considering buying stakes in Bajaj Auto Ltd. of India, one of the world's largest makers of 2-and 3-wheel scooters, Bajaj said Wednesday.

Chrysler may buy a 5 percent to 7 percent stake if Bajaj chooses it as a partner for a proposed automobile venture, said Rahul Bajaj, the compa-ny's chairman. Kawasaki, which collaborates with Bajaj to make motorbikes, may seek a 2 percent stake, he said.

'Chrysler is considering it." said Mr. Bajaj, adding that the Kawasaki stake was "being discussed informally:

A spokesman for Kawasaki said the company had "received a request from Bajaj over taking a stake and is now considering the matter."

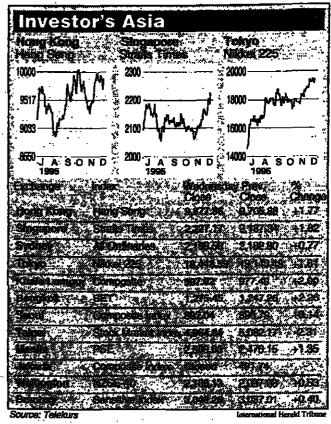
Bajaj has focused on

Chrysler, along with Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan, as potential partners for a carmanufacturing venture it is planning. If it chooses Chrysler, the U.S. company may buy a stake similar to the 7 percent stake held by Ford Motor Co. in its Indian partner, Mahindra & Mahindra Co., Mr. Bajaj said. That would be in addition to Chrysler buying equity in the separate venture to make small

A 7 percent stake would cost Chrysler about 3.8 billion rupees (\$108.6 million) at market prices, said Mr. Bajaj. A 2 percent stake would cost Kawasaki

1.1 billion rupees.

The possibility of a major automaker taking a stake in Bajaj was just one reason why its shares were considered attractive, said S. Subramanian, an analyst at the brokerage HG Asia Ltd. "The basic reason is its scooter business," he said. "Bajaj is clearly the leader."



Very briefly:

•Smithkline Beecham PLC plans to delist from the Tokyo stock exchange; the company cited the high cost of maintaining the listing and the small volumes traded in its stock.

•Reliance Industries Ltd. said a Bombay court lifted an order preventing the trade of 1.5 million shares. The company claimed this vindicated its stand that it had been dragged into controversy "for ulterior motives."

•Reliance Petroleum Ltd. plans to spend \$2.6 billion to build one of the world's largest oil refineries; Universal Oil Products of the United States is to provide technical assistance, while Bechtel Group Inc. is to build the plant.

News Corp. said it would not buy any of the newspapers owned by the rival John Fairfax Holdings Ltd.

• The Bank of Thailand said 1995 inflation would be 5.8 percent, up from 5 percent last year and above its target of 5.2 percent; the central bank blamed the increase on severe flooding. Chinese Petroleum Corp., Taiwan's state-run oil company, is

to list 51 percent of its shares from July 1997; 20 percent of the shares will be sold to overseas investors.

•Michelin of France, the world's largest tiremaker, is to manufacture tires in China through a joint venture company called Michelin Shen Yang Tire Co. in the city of Shen Yang.

•China's deputy prime minister, Zhu Rongji called for tightened supervision of China's experimental stock market and increased law enforcement.

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CZECH: Young Raiders' Coup

go after control of the funds and

their holdings.

To avoid detection by regulators and market players, Mr. Dienstl said, they set up a string of shell companies that placed small ads in Czech newspapers offering cash for shares. In the moribund Czech market, they collected enough shares to r' nunch their first assaults: a raid on the investment funds of largest private bank, and the attempted takeover of the regional bank Plzenska Banka.

Agrobanka quickly threw in its cards and joined the Boys. By late October, flush with cash, the Boys launched a barrage of five-second television ads and a mass mailing to small shareholders: thousands more shares came flooding in.

Working this time through a brokerage house called Motoinvest, they moved to attack the large investment funds.

The stakes Motoinvest and allied companies quietly acquired - often as little as 20 percent of a given fund — were enough to threaten fund managers with dismissal if they did not deliver.

The funds owned by Komercni Banka, the country's second-largest bank, paid out close to 900 million koruny (\$34 million) for the Boys to leave them

'They terrified/terrorized

Komercni into buying their own shares by threatening to rip apart their portfolio, "says Jack Schrantz, an analyst with Prague brokers Wood & Co. At Zivnostenska Banka's First Investment Fund, managers are floating a new stock issue as a defensive move, hop-

to stave off Motoinvest but diluting the holdings of friendly shareholders as well. But the CreditAnstalt investment fund, managed jointly by the Austrian bank, is expected to sell out to Agrobanka, the

Boys' vehicle for that attack.

At three smaller funds, the Boys have taken full control. The entire operation has been highly leveraged, and now the Boys are using their control over Agrobanka to finalize their buyout of Pizenska Banka and take control of the loans they

used to start the operation, closing the circle. Loose Czech securities laws. which are expected to change next year, made their moves possible. Bloc share trades can be made off the exchange, little disclosure is required, and mi-

nority holders have few rights. Often, blocs of choice listed stocks are traded at premiums of 10 to 100 percent over the

quoted prices. Those who can assemble such blocs can make a killing. Typically, analysts and brokers say raiders and unscrupulous fund managers strip shares from their own funds at listed prices, then resell them in a bloc

Continued from Page 13 at a vast premium. "Until fresh capital comes in the whole Czech market is a kind of glorified shell game between banks and funds," said Mark Valenta, a banker with Raiffeisen Capital Investment.

> Jan Svejnar, the University of Pittsburgh economist who conceived the Czech privatization program, said the market must become more transparent, but he credited the Boys with advancing the Czech economic transformation. "I think it's good: it's the consolidation of power with people who are capable of restructuring the firms," he said. 'But it's a rough way to go about it."

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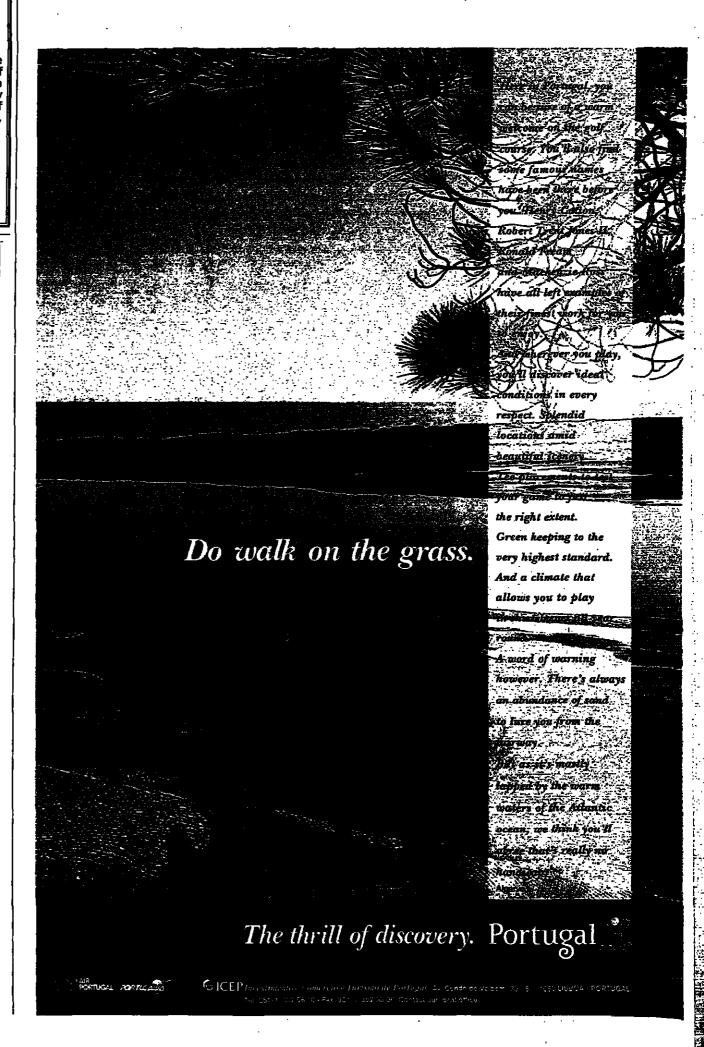
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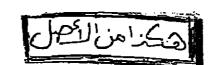
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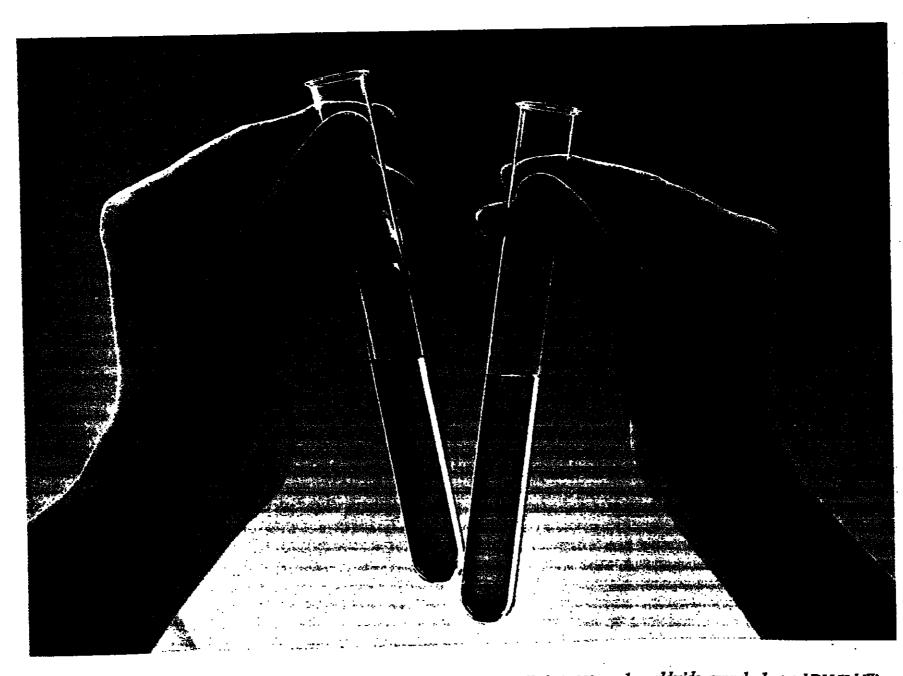
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Steffi Graf was the ITF women's player of the year again in 1995.

Double Winners

TENNIS Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf were named Wednesday as the International Tennis Federation's world champions for 1995. Sampras won the award for the third straight year, while Graf was named for the sixth time in the past nine years.

Sampras won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open this year and led the United States to victory in the Davis Cup final against Russia. Graf won all three grand slam tournaments she entered the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S.— and suffered only two defeats during the year.

Pakistan Crushes Kiwis

CRICKET Pakistan thrashed New Zealand in a one-day match by 54 runs in Wellington to take a t-1 lead in the four-match series. Pakistan batted first and scored 261 for four wickets before bowling New Zealand out for 207 in 45 overs. Aamir Sohail and Inzaman-al-Haq scored half centuries for Pakistan. (Reuters)

Cubs Re-Sign Grace

BASEBALL Mark Grace returned to the Chicago Cubs, and Jody Reed went back to the San Diego Padres. Grace agreed to a \$9.05 million, twoyear deal Tuesday with the Cubs, while Reed signed for \$1.4 million for two years. Rod Beck agreed to a \$6 million, two-year contract with the San Francisco Giants, one of a halfdozen deals as the deadline approached for offering 1996 contracts to players on 40-man rosters. (AP)

NFL Agrees to Labor Pact

FOOTBALL The National Football League and its players union agreed Tuesday on a contract extension ment adds one year to the current contract, which ends after the 1999 season, with the option for two more. The agreement, in negotiation for more than a year, was held up by franchise moves. It must be ratified by three-quarters of the owners.

 Carlton Haselrig, the suspended New York Jets guard missing since Nov. 27, is expected to be extradited to Pennsylvania after being arrested in Georgia.

Boxer Eves the NBA

BOXING Roy Jones, the International Boxing Federation super middleweight champion, said that if Nigel Benn does not fight him, he will retire from boxing and begin a professional basketball career.



HELLO SAYONARA: The \$2 million U.S. yacht sailing through Sydney harbor Wednesday in practice for the Sydney-Hobart race, which starts on Tuesday.

Hi-Tech on High Seas for a Space Age Sailboat

SYDNEY - For 20 years, sailors have been tried in vain to break the record for the Sydney-to-Hobart yacht race, despite the millions of dollars being spent on yacht design and construction.

But this year technology in the shape of a computer-designed, \$2 million U.S. maxi named Sayonara may finally beat treacherous weather and the 900 kilometers (400 miles) that separate Sydney from Hobart, on Australia's southern island, Tasmania

Sayonara is the first of a new class of yacht, the ILC maxi. When it sets out on the race to Hobart next Tuesday, its crew will include Rupert Murdoch, the media tycoon, who last competed in the race 31 years ago. Sayonara uses a carbon construction similar to the U.S.

space shuttle, computer-molded sails of bulletproof kevlar and America's Cup deck layout. This is the first of a new generation of yachts and we really don't know its full potential," said the skipper,

Geoff Stagg, a veteran of the Whitbread round-the-world 'It is a very, very sophisticated piece of equipment. It's a showcase of high technology, engineering and de-

Sayonara's narrower hull is made of foam sandwiched

between layers of laminated carbon, which has only

recently been taken off a list of materials banned for use in America's Cup — it's just street legal," Erkelens, the ocean-racing yachts because of past failures at sea.

The use of carbon longitudinally stiffens the 23.8 meter (78-foot) yacht, an advantage when it slams headlong into the rough conditions in the Tasman Sea. But it leaves the

boat lighter and more responsive.

"It sails like a dinghy, not like a dump truck," says
Sayonara's sail master, Bill Erkelens. "It's very respon-

sive. You can feel the difference in a sail trim without the use of high-tech computers." Sayonara can change its configurations of displacement and sail plan for different race conditions, without chang-

ing its keel and rudder. For the Sydney-to-Hobart voyage, Sayonara has installed a new sailing rig and had 2,268 kilograms (5,000 pounds) of lead added to its hull, giving the boat a displacement of 24,440 kilograms (53,880 pounds).

Sayonara's sails were made using a computer controlled molding process, with a mylar core and kevlar layers increasing in areas of greatest wind pressure. This allows a seamless sail, no stitches, and a near perfect

The deck layout has been copied from the latest America's Cup yachts, using hydraulically operated jib cars and 'All the gear on deck is the same technology as

yacht's sail master, said.

In its first outing on Sydney Harbor last week, Sayonara notched an impressive 10.2 knots on a reach in only 8 to 10 knots of wind. The U.S. maxi ketch Kialoa averaged 10.2 knots sailing downwind in setting the Hobart-Sydney race record -- two days, 14 hours, 36 minutes, 56 seconds -- in

Race officials have made Sayonara the even money favorite, but can the yacht, even with a 23-strong crew stacked with America's Cup and Whithread sailors, break the race record?

The 1983 America's Cup winning skipper, John Bertrand of Australia, says, "Certainly on paper this maxi will be faster than any other maxi that has ever raced, but the thing that is variable out there is weather."

The Sydney-to-Hobart race is notorious for bruising yachting egos, and turning multimillion dollar yachts into splintered wrecks. A southerly gale against the southerly running current in eastern Australian can produce disaster in the Tasman Sea. In 1993 more than half the fleet was orced to retire, many with their hulls cracked.

Stagg, a New Zealander who has competed in 13 Sydney-to-Hobart races, is realistic. "We are after that very elusive record set by Kialoa in 1975," he says, "but first you must finish the race."

EU Decision Puts Austrian Player on Hold

BONN - A court ruling last week to scrap transfer fees between clubs in Europe has had an immediate impact on the German first division, judging by the case Harald Cerny.

Cerny, 23, is an Austrian international who used to play for Bayern Munich and now plays for the Austrian team Tirol Innsbruck. He was due to return to the Bundesliga on loan to 1860 Munich in time for the restart of the Bundesliga in February after its winter break.

The contract had already been drawn up. But the scheduled signing this week did not take place, club officials said Wednesday, after the European Court of Justice ruling on the Jean-Marc Bosman case.

A five-year legal fight by Bosman, a Bol-gian player, led to the court ruling that restrictions on transfers and limits on foreigners broke European Union laws and that occer players were entitled to the same freedom of movement as other workers.

Once Cerny's contract at Tirol runs out at the end of the season, the Austrian will be able to move to Munich without 1860

having to pay anything.

The German club, which planned to take him on loan for 250,000 marks (\$174,000) now and then sign him in July for 1:4 million marks is rethinking its decision.

Tirol, realizing it will receive nothing in July, is reportedly keen to get a higher left-fee, and 1860 is wondering whether it is worth spending the money on a loan deal when it knows it will eventually get the

Cerny, meanwhile, has given up his home in hinsbruck. But he will now have to put off his hunt for a house in Germany. 'I assume that I will have to stay in Tirel until the end of the season," he said.

At the moment, the Bosman roling in finences transfers only from one EU state to another. But German legal experts be heve that transfer fees could soon be abolished completely within Germany.

Legal experts believe it will not be long before a German player takes a similar cas to the country's civil courts and wins. Officials fear this will put clubs in the lower divisions under pressure since they make money from transfers.

Finalists for FIFA Award Named

FIFA, the governing body of world soccer, named Jürgen Klinsmann of Bayern Musich, Paolo Maldini of AC Milan and Italy, and Milan's Liberian striker, George Weah, as the finalists in its player of the year award, which is decided in a poll of national team coaches, Reuters reported

Lucky Bounces Keep Alive Devils' Jinx on Flyers

The Associated Press

The fans hardly warmed their seats when Philadelphia scored, and before they even Philadelphia. finished announcing that goal, the Flyers had another. Soon, Philadelphia had a two-man ad-

Another long night for New Jersey?
Not quite. Even when the Devils are

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going badly, they seem to find a way to beat the Flyers. All the Devils needed Tuesday night was a couple of lucky bounces and the Flyers defenseman Chris Therien.

A pass by Therien bounced off the skate of the Devils center, Petr Sykora, for the tying goal, and a shot by Bill Guerin off

Devils' second in eight games, but it was circle. It hit Therien's skate and went in the their third in as many games against

The loss at New Jersey snapped the Flyers' three-game winning streak and it deflect their shots," Therien said. "I decame in a game in which Philadelphia blew flected it right into our net. leads of 2-0, 3-2 and 4-3. Even more distressing was that the Flyers squandered a so scored for the Devils. Pat Falloon scored full two-minute, two-man advantage shortly after jumping to the 2-0 lead.

Eric Lindros put them ahead 4-3 by converting a Sykora giveaway at 8:06 of the final period.

With the clock winding down, Therien got the puck behind his net and passed toward the side boards. But it hit Sykora's skate near the goal line, and shot between the goaltender, Ron Hextall, and the goalpost.

The game-winner came with Flyers de-Therien's skate landed in the net at 2:13 of fenseman Karl Dykhnis in the penalty box for holding. Guerin skated into the Flyers' Tuesday night. The victory was only the

net, leaving Hextall with nothing to do but slam his stick into the goalpost.
"That's a play coach tries to tell you,

Valeri Zelepukin and Randy McKay al-

twice for Philadelphia, which also got early goals from Mikael Renberg and Lindros. Sharks 7, Mighty Ducks 4 Owen Nolan had a career-high four goals and added an

assist as San Jose snapped a three-game losing streak by winning at Anaheim. The victory was the Sharks' fourth in nine games under their interim coach, Jim Wiley, one more than they had in 25 games under Kevin Constantine.

Penguine 7, Flames 1 Mario Lemieux had a goal and three assists as Pittsburgh beat Calgary before the Penguins' smallest home crowd in nearly 10 years. Attendance was just 7,170 because of a snowstorm. Jaromir Jagr had a goal and two assists.

and Ron Francis had three assists as the Penguins won their 10th in 12 games. Lightning 6, Jobs 3 Chris Gratton's pow-er-play goal broke a tie, and Tampa Bay set

a team record with six third-period goals against Winnipeg.

Stuce 4, tetanders 1 Shayne Corson had two goals and an assist, and Grant Fuhr allowed just one goal for the 11th time this season for St. Louis.

Fuhr, who has started every game, tied his career high with his 33d consecutive start, a mark he also reached in the 1987-88 season with the Edmonton Oilers.

Austrian Women Stay in Control

VEYSONNAZ, Switzerland — Alexandra Meissnitzer continued her brilliant form on Wednesday with another victory in a women's Alpine skiing

World Cup super-giant slalom.

The Austrian clocked one minute 28.72 seconds on the 1,640-meter course of artificial snow to notch her second consecutive super-giant success after her first World Cup victory in Val d'Isère early this month It was also her fifth trip to the podium

Heidi Zurbriggen of Switzerland was econd with 1:28.90 with Michaela Dorfmeister of Austria, winner of a downhill Saturday in St Anton, Austria.

taking third place with 1:29.17. The victory took Meissnitzer to the head of the overall standings with 448 points. The previous leader, Katja Seizinger of Germany, who came in fifth

Wednesday, slipped to second on 405. The race was marred by a accident involving Florence Masnada of France, who fell heavily after the finish and had to be taken to a hospital by helicopter. The race was stopped for 20 minutes. Meissnitzer, 23, said: "I feel in the

form of my life but I still cannot believe that I have been on the podium five times in a row.' Meissnitzer, who started sixth, said: " I



Alexandra Meissnitzer racing on the way to a victory in Veysonnaz.

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Zurbriggen after Heidi Zeller-Bähler failed to start because of a training injury Tuesday.

Defeat by just 0.18 seconds left Zurbriggen still chasing her first World Cup.

Seizinger posted the best intermediate time but made mistakes on the lower half of the slope. It was another great day for the Austrian women. They had taken the was not sure I had won today till the end as first three places in the second downhill in the visibility had got somewhat better and St. Anton on Sunday. Only Zurbriggen, there were a lot of good skiers left to who placed second, prevented another come."

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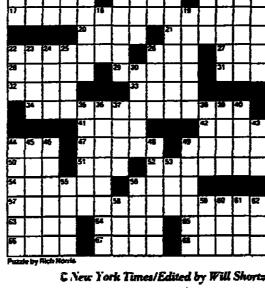
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beat injury-ravaged Dallas, 114-101, Tues-

Pippen, who averaged 31.5 points, 9.5

rebounds and eight assists in his previous 24 points helped Los Angeles hold off the lead with 1:25 left in the third quarter. He finished with 13 points, four rebounds and

"Scottie didn't have his game, so I did what I had to do," Jordan said.

Jordan, playing with a strained back and dislocated finger, was taken out with 8:42 to go as the Bulls finished a stretch of five

games in seven nights.

"It was nice for us to get some rest at the end," Pippen said. "I didn't have a whole lot to give." Dallas' coach, Dick Motta, was ejected for arguing with the referee, Dan Crawford, with 6:32 left.

"We probably got fouled 10 times that they didn't call," said Motta, who missed the previous two games because of his father's death.

Tony Dumas scored 24 points for the Mavericks, who have lost 14 of 16 since a 5-1 start. Dallas played without its injured stars Jamal Mashburn and Jason Kidd. Reckets 103, Sums 96 In Houston, Ha-

them Olajuwon had 31 points and 17 rebounds as the Rockets overcame the loss of bounds for the Clippers. Clyde Drexler. Drexler was carried off the court on a stretcher early in the second period after colliding with Phoenix's forward Charles Barkley. Drexler has a deep bruise and is listed as day-to-day.

Cleveland, Terrell Brandon scored a ca- tory.

recr-high 32 points and the Cavs rallied in After playing a supporting role for sev- the fourth quarter to spoil Flip Saunders's eral games, Michael Jordan was back in his debut as Minnesota's coach. Saunders, a accustomed spot as the focal point of the two-time Continental Basketball Association coach of the year who grew up near Jordan, who has let Scottie Pippen carry Cleveland, replaced the fired Bill Blair.

Detroit to victory at Toronto with 26 points and 11 rebounds. After the Raptors pulled level at 72-72 on Damon Stoudamire's basket, the Pistons took control. Detroit day night to extend their winning streak to shot only 41 percent from the field, but 11 games.

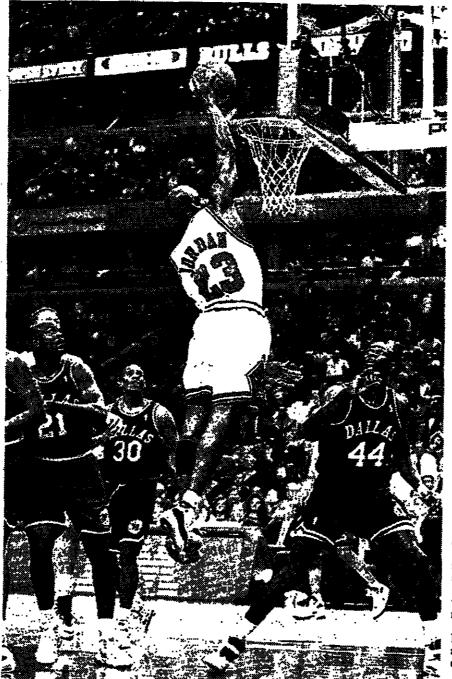
four games, played only 29 minutes and Bucks in Milwankee. Marty Conlon scored left for good after the Bulls took an 81-72 a season-high 17 points, all in the fourth quarter, as the Bucks rallied to take a 100-95 lead. But Van Exel passed to Anthony Peeler for a three-pointer and then made a three-pointer of his own to put the Lakers ahead for good.

Grizzlies 94, SuperSonics 93 At Vancouver, Blue Edwards hit a three-pointer with 1:12 remaining and then sank two free throws to give the Grizzlies their first victory over a team with a winning record. Vancouver has won two of four after a 19game losing streak.

Spure 111, Trail Biasers 103 David Robinson scored 31 points and Sean Elliott 27 as San Antonio rallied to beat visiting Portland. Robinson had 10 points and six rebounds in the final quarter as the Spurs won their third straight following a threegame losing streak.

Bullets 108, Clippers 104 In Los Angeles, Juwan Howard scored 27 points and Chris Webber had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Bullets. Brian Williams scored a season-high 33 points and grabbed 14 re-

Warriors 102, Hornets 39 Rony Seikaly had 24 points and 19 rebounds as Golden State beat road-weary Charlotte, Seikaly's tip-in with 20 seconds left gave the Warriors the lead, and his two free throws with Cavallers 100, Timberwolves 95 At 4.3 seconds remaining clinched the vic-



The Dallas Mavericks stand back, giving Michael Jordan plenty of room to that's Charlie Ward." Ward finished with 10 overcome by the cheers," added Mcmaneuver. Jordan scored 32 points in the Chicago Bulls, 114-101 victory. points in 22 minutes. He made three of five Carthy.

N.Y. Boos Riley's Return Knicks Crush Heat to the Joy of Fans

By Mike Wise and Jason Diamos New York Times Service

No. 1 at Madison Square Garden these days, was asked how he thought the Garden crowd would respond to the return of Pat Riley.

before taking his courtside seat for Riley's first appearance since he jumped the New York Knicks to become a part-owner/general manager/head coach of the Miami

They were.

Riley was showered with boos when he the bench. made his entrance onto the Garden floor before the Knicks-Heat game Tuesday night. Riley responded by blowing kisses to the Garden crowd and waving for the Knick faithful to increase the volume.

The boos increased when Riley's name was announced (as opposed to a tremendous ovation for Don Nelson, the new Knicks coach). Among the boos for Riley. however, were a smattering of cheers.

And then, just before the opening tipoff. John Starks, Derek Harper and Patrick Ewing went over to shake their old coach's hand and give him a hug. The boos again were everywhere, but in the end, they were met with some more cheers.

"Typical New York," said Saundra Foreman from her perch in the top row of seats. "We wouldn't be New Yorkers if we didn't do it," said Foreman's friend, Sharon Murphy.

The New York Knicks did not triumph in a basketball game Tuesday night as much as the Garden crowd did in a bullfight.

The Knicks beat the Miami Heat convincingly, 89-70, ruling the inside and moving to 18-6 on the season.

Riley's Heat, without the injured Alonzo Mourning and Billy Owens, fell to 12-10 and lost for the seventh time in the past

sparingly last season, entered the game in the her friend, Kathryn McCarthy.

field goals, had three assists, two steals and provided a backcourt spark for the Knicks. By the sound of the third-quarter horn, NEW YORK - Spike Lee, unofficial fan after Derek Harper had rolled in a threepointer with Riley standing a few feet behind him — his arms folded across his chest, wearing a look of resignation - the "They re going to be on him." said Lee crowd began to chant his name derisively:

''Ri-ley, Ri-ley.'' The Knicks led, 64-52, and in a defensive struggle like this one even Riley knew that a 12-point lead was as good as 20 heading into the fourth quarter. The crowd kept chanting. Riley slowly walked back to

Somehow, through all the summer controversy, the faxed resignation, the print war with the Garden's president. Dave Checketts, Riley has supplanted Reggie Miller as New York's favorite basketball

Riley was greeted with placards ranging from "Pat Who?" to "Riley Coyote" and 'Nelson Dresses Better Too!"

"Reading his book, 'The Winner Within," he writes that his father told him, 'Son, there's a time when a man has to be a man," said Lee. "His own words of wisdom should apply to him. He should have faced the media and the fans instead of resigning by fax."

Bob Gutkowski, the former president of the Garden, said he was present mainly for the spectacle of Riley's return.

"I think the fans were hurt," Gutkowski said. "One, because Pat decided to leave and two, because they were not crazy with the way he left. But the most important thing was that Pat Riley gave the city of New York four exciting years. And once you get beyond the hurt, you should be thankful for that."

At the end Riley walked off the floor to a chorus of boos. But his staying charisma

was stood out. . 'Pat's a stud, I like him," said Nancy eight games. "Pat's a stud, I like him," said Nancy When Charlie Ward, whom Riley used Jewell, who was watching the game with

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SKIING WORLD CUP RESULTS

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World Cup Super-Glent Standings (after 3 races): 1, Meissnitzer 22 points; 2, Setzinger 165; 3, Erif 166; 4, Zubriggen, 138, 5, Wachter 129; (equal) Dorlmeister 129; 7, Heidi Zeller-Schler, Suftzerland, 120; 8, Street 76; 9, Isoide 75; 10, Guttersohn 74.

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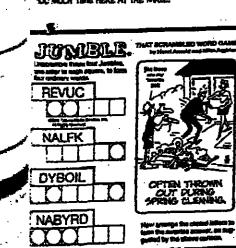
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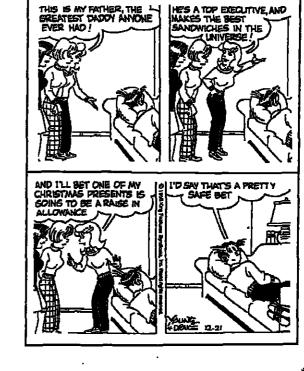
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WASHINGTON — I was was actually in the bill until our the other day when I saw a man a joke — particularly at holiday dressed as Santa Claus ringing a time when everyone is supbell. He looked terribly fa-

"Congressman Bleeder, what are you doing begging for coins? "I haven't

been paid, and I need to get some cash for Christmas.

"Why haven't you been paid?'

"Congress voted not to pay its members until we come to a compromise on the budget." Why would you do something like that?"

'We didn't know we were doing it. Some dumb freshman congressman anached the amendment to a bill we passed giving each member of Congress a poinsettia plant for Christmas. Nobody read what

Stuntwoman Dies In Film Accident

The Associated Press NAPLES, Florida — A boat being used for a stunt in a Disney film comedy flew off a "Is there one now?" ramp and landed in a crowd of extras, killing a stuntwoman

extras, Kunng a sum and injuring four others. The scene in Fishin'.'' starring Joe Pesci and Danny Glover, required the boat to fly over a hedge of mangroves, land between two boats and stop in the water, said Sergeant Jimmy Snell of the Collier County Sheriff's Office. But the boat came off one side of the ramp and flipped over, hitting the two boats.

The movie is being filmed in the Big Cypress Swamp in the

walking by Union Station checks failed to arrive. It wasn't posed to be in good spirits.'

> "Perhaps the person who introduced the amendment was thinking of the 300,000 people who were out of work at this

> 'That has nothing to do with us. The opposition is to blame because all they want to do is spend, spend, spend instead of giving the money to the wealthy taxpayers who truly need it.

"But maybe it will make you think twice before closing down the government. Although you'll probably try it again in the upcoming election year if you think it will play in

The congressman protested, 'They can't do this to me. I have bills to pay and children coming home from college and my country club dues are in

"Maybe the people who were furloughed have bills,

'But they are not essential to the government, and Congress is If it weren't for us, there

"Not at the moment. But I just met with a senator from the opposition who was sleeping on the next grate, and he sounded very hopeful.

"How much have you collected in your cup so far?" "I'm still short a few thousand dollars. The public discovered that I was a congressman and won't give me a dime.

'Can you blame them?'' 'Congressmen need love.

After Protests, Reviews: Is 'Nixon' a Good Movie?

By Hal Hinson Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — Oliver Stone has said that he and Richard Nixon, the subject of his powerful new film, "share the same darkness." But they also share the same troubling combination of genius and self-defeating per-

"Nixon" is an audacious biography rich in imagination and originality, with a provocative, often subversive sense of character and history. Dense and challenging, it is also undermined in places by Stone's obsessions just as dramatically as Richard Nixon was undermined by

Still, without question, "Nixon" dwarfs everything in the American cinema since "Schindler's List." The movie's landscape is the Cold War at a flash point, when American confidence in the Nixon administration and the war in Vietnam had bottomed out, and the repercussions following the failed Watergate burglary had erupted into a full-blown constitutional crisis. It was an epic time. And not only does "Nixon" convey the gravity of these historic events, it calculates their full weight in human terms as well.

"Nixon" doesn't just take you onto the field where history is made, it takes you inside the huddle. But with Stone, you're always waiting for the other shoe to drop — for the "stink bomb." As an artist with an evangelistic social conscience. Stone considers it his responsibility to lob hand grenades into the carefully defended foxholes of conventional wisdom. The problem with Stone's provocations, though, is that they grow out of the same impulse that drove him to slip LSD into his father's evening cocktail, and then brag about it. They're tiresome and simpleminded and in general make you want to kick him in the teeth.

This time, the weak link is Stone's lurid fantasy about Howard Hunt, the Kennedy assassination and the famed 18-minute gap in the tape of a June 17, 1972, conversation between the president and executive assistant H.R. Haldeman - a hallucination guaranteed to make the staunchest Nixon detractor cry foul. But not even the filmmaker's own willfulness can cancel out his achievement. There is a genuine connection here among Stone, star Anthony Hopkins and their subject. Instead of the juvenile assault many expected, the movie suggests that the director has finally grown up as an artist. Never in his 20-year career has he worked at this level of maturity, empathy or restraint. Though the production weighs in at an shredded, and hush money is authorized by the with the dark germ of Nixon's self-loathing.



In "Nixon" White House, the president (Hopkins) and Haldeman (James Wood).

unwieldy 190 minutes, every detail is engrossing, from the production design (by Victor Kempster) to the costumes (by Richard Hornung) to the often uncanny work of the actors.

At the top of a long list of superlative sup-

porting players are Joan Allen, who gives the performance of the year as Pat Nixon; David Hyde Pierce as the mirror image of John Dean; and James Woods as a perfectly steely Haldeman. Best of all is the haunted, virulent performance of Hopkins. From the first glimpse we get of a grotesque, almost bestial Nixon, cowering, deformed, braced for attack, it's clear that the filmmaker and his star are dealing with the inner Nixon and with history as seen through the distorting lens of his subject's rag-

ing paranoia. Stone's portrait begins in November 1973 as the walls of Nixon's character are crumbling. From there, the events of the 37th president's life scatter across the screen like a string of beads. We watch as ambassadorships are exchanged for favors, enemies are threatened with IRS and FBI investigations, secret papers are

president himself. Stone creates an astounding degree of involvement in the private conduct of these titanic public figures. In every scene the atmosphere is palpably charged, claustrophobic, suffocating. The president and his men speak in a terse, secretive code - the language of lawyers pretending to be jocks and men of

You can also sense the longing in Hopkins's Nixon to be a regular guy, to be one of the boys, like his upper-class rival, Jack Kennedy. But there is no lightness in Nixon. He wears his tragedy on his sleeve; shrewdly, Stone has used Nixon's famous "loser" image not to turn the man into a fool but to create a sense of compassion bordering on pity.

Stone seems to come by this sympathy toward Nixon with surprisingly little effort, but it's Hopkins who brings these ideas to life through expert impersonation together with what perhaps should be called alchemy. Even in full Nixon drag, with every gesture and tic down pat, Hop-kins never actually resembles the late president. Instead, the actor seems to have made contact

Stone also pays homage to Nixon the warrior, the titan of international diplomacy, architect of detente and the famous opening to China; the Nixon who campaigned on the promise to Bring Us Together." This is Nixon the master geopolitician, the Nixon who speaks of himself in the third person and is so obsessed with his

place in history that he cannot bring himself to destroy the damning tapes.
On the other hand, he is his beloved mother's "faithful dog," the man known at Whittier College as the human tackling dummy, who

drove his future wife out on dates with other

Who is the real Nixon? the movie asks echoing (as Stone does repeatedly) that other American epic of power corrupted, "Citizen Kane." Stone's answer is as much of a crock as Orson Welles's was. He is many things, Stone says, but primarily, at his heart, the tortured protagonist is a sort of political Quasimodo, an ugly troll, who sold his soul for high office in hopes that the people would love him.

Unfortunately, they hated him - or so he thought — and he could never figure out why.

Stone offers selected fantasies based on details from Dick Nixon's childhood in Yorba Linda California - the work ethic, the loss of both brothers to tuberculosis, and, in particular, a prvotal confrontation between the boy (played by Corey Carrier) and his grim-faced Quaker mother (Mary Steenburgen) over a lie — as seeds of the future president's undoing. Though Stone's past films have revolved around dom-inant father figures, here it is Nixon's mother who instills in her son a sense of higher purpose and pushes the socially maladroit boy into the corrupting public arena. It's Paul Sorvino's vainly magisterial Henry Kissinger, though who sums up Stone's take on the man. As he watches Nixon on TV attempting once again to convince the American people that he is not a crook, Kissinger murmurs, "Can you imaging what this man might have been had he ever been

Ultimately, Stone has Nixon suggest that his own head was the sacrifice required by the gods of war over Vietnam. Stone's final sense of the character is ambiguous, but to the extent that he accepts Nixon's view of himself as a victim of bad mythic timing, he reduces the imaginate of his transgressions. In the end, Stone's attinue is something of a cheat. After all the comes are expletives undeleted, the director seems to be saying that Nixon was a man like any otherpartly good, partly bad. In doing so lec dees what all sons symbolically do to their fathers: He cuts him down to size.

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Avoriaz	40	65	Good	Same	Var	16:12	
Courchevel	25	40	Far	Some	Var	19/12	
Les Deux Alpes	25	170	Good	Closed	Var	18/12	20 lifts open, plenty of good skiling
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Park City	80	110	Good	Scme		17/12	
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PEOPLE

THE actor Anthony Quinn has been tossed out of two New York apartments. A judge told Quinn's estranged wife, Iolanda, that she could connect the two apartments and have sole occupancy. Quinn, 80, who recently announced that his 34year-old companion, Kathy old wife almost three years ago after more than 30 years of marriage. The actor stays with Benvin when he is in New York, but he uses one of the two apartments to store some belongings. The judge gave him 60 days to remove them.

A record-store appearance in Gothenburg, Sweden, by Jamie Walters of "Beverly Hills 90210" turned chaotic when security guards were over- and is undergoing therapy at whelmed, and police had to inthrough a culvert, Expressen his for the taking. The filmbeen signing his debut album.

Jim Carrey's latest movie, Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," which in six weeks earned more than \$100 million at the box office, is on People magazine's list of the worst movies of the year, "Jim Carrey remains two Stooges shy of a load — slow, clumsy and obvious — in a lousy sequel," the magazine said. Others on the list included "Showgirls" ("an experiment in sleaze that failed miserably), "Jade" ("more stinky than kinky") and "Fair Game" ("a ridiculous thriller punctuated by large explosions").

A bruised and battered Santa Claus has declared the Outback town of Bourke naughty, not nice, after more than 30 chil-

dren attacked him while he tried 🥦 to sing Christmas songs. John Holmes, a local businessman, who dressed as Santa, said he was forced to flee in a truck when the mob. ages 8 to 13, surrounded him. They kicked and punched him, and tried yank off his beard and steal bags Benvin, is pregnant with their of candy. One attacker got away second child, left his 61-year- with his red cap. The police with his red cap. The police brought him back to the crowd after a small group of well-be-haved kids cried, "Don't let them hurt Santa," and he then handed out candy through the window of a police vehicle.

ceived several acting and directing offers and will start to consider scripts next year, according to an interview in Daily Variety. Reeve, who was parhundreds of screaming girls be- alyzed from the neck down in a gan shoving their way toward riding accident in May, left a the teen idol. The store's five rehabilitation center last week tervene to stop the event. The direct "Tell Me True" in Ocactor was taken out of the store tober, and said the job was still newspaper reported. He had making team of James Ivory and Ismail Merchant has also offered him a directing assign-

> Lord Brocket has pleaded guilty to involvement in a £4.5 million (\$7 million) classic-car swindle. Judge Daniel Rod-well told him that he could expect to go to prison when he is sentenced next year. No date was set. Brocket claimed in May 1991 that four classic cars were stolen from his estate in Herfordshire. But police discovered that no burglary had taken place. In February, Brocket and four others were accused of attempting to deceive insurance companies - the charge he pleaded in three years. guilty to.

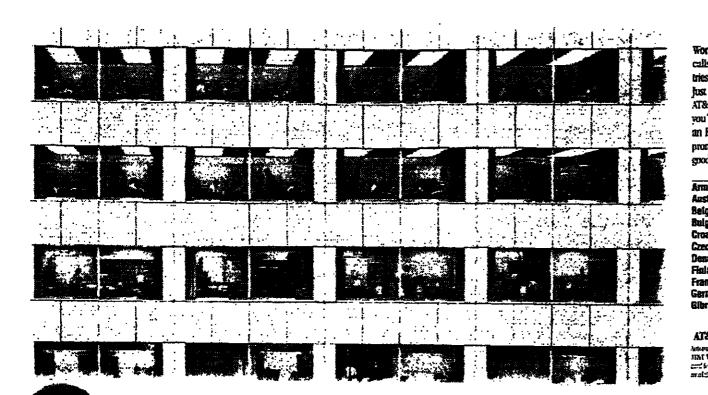
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taining U.S. troops involved in mouth is too big, her nose is no the Balkan peacekeeping effort. long, her chim is too short and her "If they're willing to go, so am eyes are too far apart. "Beauty is I," the country music star said. The USO tour will be his third said the 61-year-old acress "I

Sophia Loren may be her think it is the ensemble, the dy Larry Gatlin won't be home own toughest critic. Tell her and the animale that make the for Christmas. He'll be enter- she's beautiful and she'll say her what I am."

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